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## Jordan recalls attache

### Many diplomats quit trouble-torn Beirut

BEIRUT, March 13 (AFP) — Several foreign diplomats, and also a number of journalists, have left the trouble-torn Lebanese capital lately in often unannounced departures officially put down to Beirut's shaky security.

The Kuwaiti ambassador, Abdul Hamid Buayan, secretly flew home Thursday with his family and two other Kuwaiti embassy diplomats and their families. The Lebanese Foreign Ministry only learned of the departure from subsequent press reports.

(A Kuwaiti government spokesman Saturday denied that the ambassador was recalled, stressing that he had returned home for a "normal" vacation, it was reported from Manama. But no explanation was given for the return of the two other diplomats.)

(The Lebanese charge d'affaires in Kuwait, Wafik Saber, said Kuwaiti officials told him Saturday that security reasons were involved in the return.)

The departure, moreover, followed two weeks after the Kuwaiti parliament's decision not to pay its share in financing the Arab Deterrent Force, which is manned by 22,000 Syrians and stationed in Lebanon through an Arab League mandate.

The Saudi Arabian ambassador, Ali Shaer, who with his Kuwaiti colleague was among the most active Arab representatives here, also left Beirut with his family several months ago.

An informed source said in Amman Saturday that Jordan has recalled its attache at the Jordanian Embassy in Lebanon, Fuad Batayn, for reasons concerning his "personal security." Batayn was the last Jordanian diplomat to remain in Beirut.

The Jordanian charge d'affaires in Beirut, Hisham Mohaisen, was kidnapped in February last year and held captive for nearly four months. He left the country immediately after his release. The embassy's military attache was also recalled shortly after the incident. The source said consular work at the embassy in Beirut was being handled by Lebanese employees.

Press reports noted Friday that the Beirut correspondent for the Jordanian Press Agency Petra had also left in early March.

## 'Frank' talks with Reagan

### Trip fruitful--Mitterrand

PARIS, March 13 (Agencies) — French President Francois Mitterrand has returned home after a fruitful meeting with President Ronald Reagan during which they had "frank" discussions on a wide range of issues — from high interest rates to the Atlantic Alliance. "I feel the object of my trip has been fully achieved", said Mitterrand on arrival. He said that in some subjects "good progress" was made.

He added however that France wanted to be a "conciliatory factor not a complication factor".

Washington reacted with annoyance to the French government decision to sell \$20 million worth of arms to Nicaragua, which the United States says is a major supplier of weapons to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

France on the other hand has sternly criticized U.S. policy in El Salvador and holds that the rebels there be recognized as a legitimate political force. On other issues, Mitterrand said the three-hour talks had been cordial at times.

8 percent. He said he is convinced that interest rates will follow the inflation rate downward in less than three months.

His confidence seemed to reflect President Reagan's report early this week that Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker expected interest rates to decline by 3 to 4 percent by the end of spring. Mitterrand said the continued high interest rates were not "an expression of American policy," but due to market forces and "the resistance of certain monetary circles".

The French socialist president emphasized a need to fight poverty, exploitation and domination by "bloody dictatorships." He also called for aid to people "rebelling against their fate" and spoke approvingly of Reagan's aid and trade plan for the Caribbean Basin countries.

Reagan said the French leader made a forceful and thorough presentation of French views on trade and financial issues. This evidently included French concern over high U.S. interest rates that are drawing capital away from Europe.

No public mention was made of differences over a planned natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe in which France is participating and providing credits for equipment purchases by Moscow. Mitterrand reaffirmed that France intended to go ahead with the deal. Talking to reporters before flying home, he said "The contract is signed. That is done."

The French president said he planned to visit Japan in April and have talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in May in further preparation for the Versailles meeting.

## Niger president arrives for talks

JEDDAH, March 13 (SPA) — President Seyni (Houssain) Kountche of Niger arrived here Saturday afternoon on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. He was met at the airport by Makkah Governor Prince Majed; Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi; Western Province Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi; Abdul Aziz Gokhdar, the chief of Royal Protocol for Jeddah; Habib Challi, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and Niger's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Salvo Somalia.

In an arrival statement, President Kountche said he was glad to visit Saudi Arabia. He added that his talks with Saudi Arabian leaders will deal with issues of common interest to the Islamic world, in addition to bilateral relations. He described relations between Saudi Arabia and Niger as excellent and constantly developing for the better. Niger, next May, will host the 13th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

## After Turkey's stern warning

### Greece disclaims rights to Aegean

ATHENS, March 13 (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreu, responding swiftly to Turkey's accusation he is "distorting reality" in Greek-Turkish relations, said Saturday Greece has no claims on the Aegean but will not yield an inch of territory.

In a statement issued soon after Turkish Premier Bulend Uluksu attacked Greek policy in the Aegean Sea which divides the two NATO members, Papandreu said: "The Greek people want peace and good neighborliness in our region and an end to alien powers' attempts to make the Aegean a sea of grave danger for both our nations." He did not specify which country was meant by "alien powers."

Uluksu told a news conference Saturday that Greece had violated international treaties by garrisoning Greek islands in the east Aegean and sought to become the sole sovereign power in the Aegean. Greece and Turkey have bickered since 1974 over control of airspace above the Aegean and mineral rights beneath it.

"The Turkish premier himself distorts reality when he ascribes aggression to Greece in the Aegean," Papandreu said.

In the past week, Greece has twice protested over flights over Greek islands by Turkish fighter planes on maneuvers in the Aegean.

Papandreu said Turkey has "almost continually" violated Greek airspace and the Athens Flight Information Region (FIR) in the past seven years. Relations between Greece and Turkey have worsened since Papandreu came to power at last October's general election and ended a dialogue between senior Greek and Turkish diplomats.

"How can there be a dialogue composed exclusively of Turkish demand for Greek concessions," Papandreu said in his statement. Papandreu said the Turkish premier should explain the role of Turkey's Aegean Army, based at Izmir which looks across a narrow strait to the eastern Greek islands, instead of bringing up their militarization.

"Greece does not intend to give up an inch of land which belongs to it according to international agreements," the Greek premier said. Papandreu has made it plain to NATO in recent months that Greece fears Turkey more than its northern Communist neighbors.

Political observers said the heightened tension between Athens and Ankara was a consequence of Papandreu's visit to Cyprus last month, where Turkish troops protecting 18 percent of the population have occupied 38 percent of the island since 1974.

Earlier, Uluksu delivered a stern warning to Greece, saying any Greek trespass on Turkish rights in the Aegean would be unacceptable to Turkey.

Uluksu told reporters at a news conference that there was no room for optimism in viewing the current state of Turco-Greek relations. He accused Greece of having violated international treaties by militarizing the Greek islands in the Aegean and of having attempted oil exploration in eastern Aegean in contravention of a bilateral agreement reached in 1976 between the two sides.

Uluksu said Turkey has requested information from Greece on the oil exploration question and would wait for a "reasonable period" for a reply before taking the necessary measures.

Uluksu reiterated that Turkey's official policy still was to resolve mutual disputes through bilateral negotiations. But, he said, the new Greek government has announced that they see no use in continuing a dialogue. "It is up to the Greek government, of course, to make a choice between the policies of confrontation or reconciliation," Uluksu declared.

Uluksu declared Turkey would not accept any "accomplished facts likely to affect its rights and interests in the Aegean" and "would equally retaliate" in such a case. Asked whether this meant Turkey would increase the limits of its territorial waters to 12 miles if Greece attempted to do so, he said, "No. Those who are capable of understanding will understand what we mean by equal retaliation. I hope Greece will correctly assess our statements and arrive at the necessary results."

The premier said the overflight question came up while Turkey was holding naval and air force exercises in the Aegean "within international waters." These war games, carried out routinely twice a year for training purposes, will continue to be held exactly as

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## Iranians urged to consume less

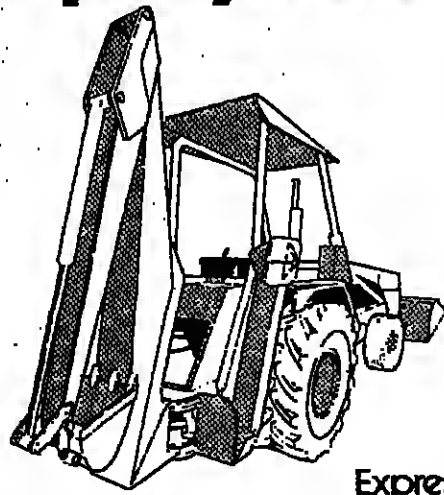
TEHRAN, March 13 (AFP) — A leading Iranian religious figure Hojatoleslam Emami Kashani has said that Iranians should consume less sugar, tea, bread and other items so that the already serious food situation does not worsen.

Kashani, who is member of parliament for Kashan, a suburb, told a meeting "this step was necessary from the point of view of foreign currency."

Noting that increasing consumption obliges Iran to import some food products, he added: "We must save sugar in our consumption, no longer light our samovar from morning to night and drink tea each time we are tired with less sugar."

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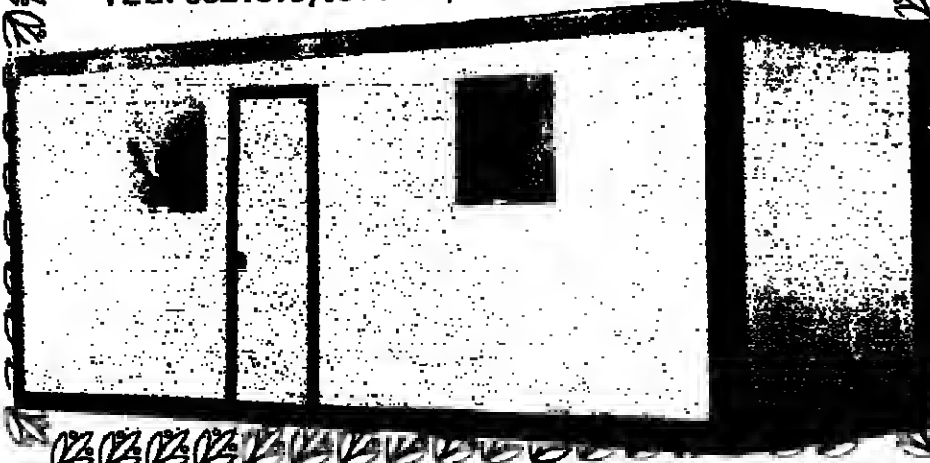
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## Islamic distribution, publication body formed

MAKKAH, March 13 (SPA) — The Islamic International Distribution and Publication Organization will be formed with a capital of SR100 million and Makkah was selected for its permanent headquarters.

The organization, whose capital has been made into 100,000 shares liable to increase, will open branch offices all round the world to counter anti Islamic propaganda and movements. It also will rectify concepts about Islam.

The decision on the organization's formation was taken by a constituent committee which ended its meeting here Friday night. The committee determined the organization's objectives which include distributing intellectual and art works which serve Islam and contemporary works to fill the gap in the Islamic library.

The committee also recommended surveying the publication firms in the Islamic world; issuing a regular newsletter about the organization's new productions; seeking the assistance of media sources in the Islamic world; and establishing distribution centers in Islamic countries. The committee called on

specialists to contribute by writing to the organization's publication projects, publish encyclopedias and scientific references in the various languages spoken by Muslims.

Among the recommendations also is establishing technical studios for the organization's productions. A sub-committee was formed to implement the studios project.

The nine-member committee was formed to draw up the statute for the Islamic international distribution and publication organization, in addition to carrying out the necessary economic studies through specialist consulting companies. It will hold its second meeting in Makkah later this year.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Yamani sent a message to the meeting was read by Izzet Mufti, director of foreign information. The minister stressed the importance of such an organization and highlighted the Islamic world's need for it.

Other statements included one from Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and another from Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League.

## Building collapse victims redressed

JEDDAH, March 13 — A sum of SR50,000 will be given to the heirs and relatives of every person who died in the collapse of a wedding hall in Taif last year by order of King Khaled. Those who were injured will be given SR20,000 and a ticket to London to be treated there at Saudi Arabian expense, according to *Al Riyadh* newspaper Saturday.

The wedding hall tragedy claimed 47 lives while many more were injured some of them seriously.

A committee of inquiry chaired by Makkah Governor Prince Majed found out that the hall had 500 celebrants on that night, many more than it had been designed to take. The owner also had built an additional floor with-

out a municipal license. One of the dead was aged 50 years while the youngest victim was barely six months old.

The paper said that some of the beneficiaries of the royal gift have already received their dues.

## Health week concluded

AHSA, March 13 (SPA) — Ah'sa's Social Development Center held the closing ceremony here Saturday of a one-week health festival it organized. The festival was part of a series of environmental health activities sponsored by the center in collaboration with its cultural health department from Feb. 10 to March 25.

## KSU-sponsored radiation parley opens in Riyadh

RIYADH, March 13 — A six-day international symposium on the "Applications and Technology of Ionizing Radiations" opened at King Saud University here Saturday. The seminar is sponsored by KSU's College of Science in collaboration with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center.

The symposium will review current research and developments on the applications and technology of ionizing radiations. There will be two sessions on each meeting day. In addition to the technical sessions, the symposium will include a scientific and commercial exhibition. A refresher course in basic radiation protection will also be included.

In a speech on the occasion, Dr. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Turki, rector of King Saud University, said that more than 300 papers from various parts of the world, including at least 26 from Saudi Arabia, were being debated at the seminar.

Dr. Teda Ubaid, chairman of the Saudi Arabian national center for science and technology (SANST), highlighted the importance of the seminar for the Kingdom's developmental plans. He said SANST had worked out ambitious plans to promote the Saudi Arabian life standard and arm the country's national with knowledge. He added that many a project now under implementation in Saudi Arabia uses nuclear and atomic beams.

Another speaker, Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Miteb, dean of the faculty of science, pointed out that more than 150 scientists and specialists from all over the world were attending the seminar. More than 131 papers deal with the uses of radiation in such fields as medicine, agriculture, industry, food conservation and preventing measures against such rays for workers in such fields.

## Mayor highlights Riyadh's rapid progress

JEDDAH, March 13 — Riyadh will soon rank among the best cities of the world with its more than 70 gardens, an amusement park for children, some recreational areas, a women's market, 12 subways for cars and six for pedestrians, in addition to the renovation of Al-Hukm Palace area and a reforestation plan in the capital's wide streets.

*Al-Riyadh* Saturday quoted Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nuaim as saying that the municipality has a number of plans for the future. A ring road is at present under construction and is expected to be ready by the next year. The 94-km. ring road project is the fruit of cooperation between the municipality and the Ministry of Communications. With its completion, the downtown area will be spared from traffic bottlenecks, generally caused by vehicles passing regularly through it.

Nuaim added that the municipality plans to undertake several beautification projects to make Riyadh a most modern metropolis. In about two years, it will have more than 70 gardens and an amusement park for the recreation of children. There is a plan to adorn the capital's streets with trees, in cooperation with the subsidiary municipalities.

As water has been the basic problem in this area, an accord has been reached by the municipality with the Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the capital's Water and Sewage Department to divert a considerable quantity of treated water, through pipes to be laid alongside the ring road, for the irrigation of plants on this road and also on other main streets of the capital, he added.

The mayor said there are projects to build 12 subways for vehicles and six for pedestrians on main road intersections. In selecting the sites, it has been taken into consideration that the subways should lead to the schools to provide safety for schoolchildren. He added that some of these subways have been readied while some others are under implementation on Arbacen street in Malazz, Islam road, Rawdha road and Sirtin street. In addition to these projects, Nuaim said, the Al-Hukm Palace area is being developed.

The first phase has already begun with the removal of jewelry markets and demolition of the area. He added that the first phase comprises the construction of premises for the Riyadh Governorate, Municipality and Police Station. With the completion of the whole project, Riyadh downtown will become one of the best city centers in the world, he said.

There is also a plan to build multi-storeyed parking lots to ease traffic on the main streets, Nuaim said, adding that the municipality has a heritage preservation program, under which arts and architectural samples will be preserved to remind the people of their heritage.

Meanwhile, Nuaim said businessmen in Riyadh have a direct and regular contact with the municipality. Like any other citizen, they too receive assistance from the municipality and its various branches. Any project undertaken by a Saudi businessman is considered an effective contribution toward the beautification of the capital.

He said one businessman who sought help in the establishment of an amusement center, and said that his office gave him the necessary assistance as the project had aimed to provide recreation for the capital's inhabitants.

Another businessman wanted to set up a market for women, and the municipality extended him prompt assistance in the implementation of the scheme. Meanwhile, the municipality continues to encourage businessmen to undertake such projects which are of valuable service to the city and its residents, he added.

When the Higher Board for the develop-

ment of Riyadh was being set up, three top businessmen and consultants were included as members with a view to contributing in solving the city's problems. In order to further cement relations with businessmen, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, who is chairman of the higher board, chaired a meeting that consisted of members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, businessmen, board officials and members of the higher executive committee of the water and sewage department, movement of the foreign ministry and diplomatic missions and the Al-Hukm Palace project.

Nuaim said the municipality recently allocated sites for children's playgrounds in various parts of the city, and even supplied some games to children in every locality. Efforts are being made to increase the number of such playgrounds. He said: "We have taken steps on the road, and we hope these are successful to a certain extent". He added that the municipality's preoccupation is to allow the establishment of townships for healthy games and it welcomes anyone interested to set up such projects to submit the plans for their study and approval. He said that citizens' cooperation with the municipality is essential and "I believe the municipality will not be able to carry out its responsibilities without this cooperation," he said.

## Saud receives Chatti

JEDDAH, March 13 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud met with Habib Chatti, secretary general of the organization of the Islamic conference, here Saturday. They discussed issues related to Islamic affairs, it was reported.

## Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tahuk
Sunday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:06	5:07	4:39	4:26	4:50	5:20
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:31	12:02	11:49	12:14	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:56	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:31	6:31	6:02	5:49	6:13	6:42
Isha (Night)	8:01	8:01	7:32	7:19	7:43	8:12

## BRIEFS

MANAMA (SPA) — Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain, received Saturday Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, chairman of the Arab athletic federation and the deputy chairman of the Saudi olympic committee. Sheikh Issa commended cooperation between the Kingdom and Bahrain in the field of youth activities and sports.

RIYADH (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim met Saturday with the visiting South Korean Commerce and Industry Minister Suh Suk-Joon. The meeting, attended by the Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, centered on trade cooperation between the Kingdom and South Korea.

RIYADH (SPA) — Communication Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, who is also the chairman of the board of directors of the Saudi public transport company (Sapto), conferred Saturday with the secretary general of the World Land Transport Association, Andrei Jacob, and the association's general manager, Prof. Surinay, who are visiting the Kingdom. The meeting dealt with a number of issues pertaining to cooperation between the association and Sapto.

RIYADH (SPA) — The increased Saudi Arabian participation in Tunisia's sixth development plan was commended Saturday by Mansour Al-Mualla, Tunisian minister of finance and planning. He said that Saudi-Tunisian cooperation, as a result of such participation, had risen to a very high standard. He described the signing of the economic agreement between the two countries recently as "a new addition to the success achieved in all aspects of relations. He hoped that further development will be witnessed in the near future.

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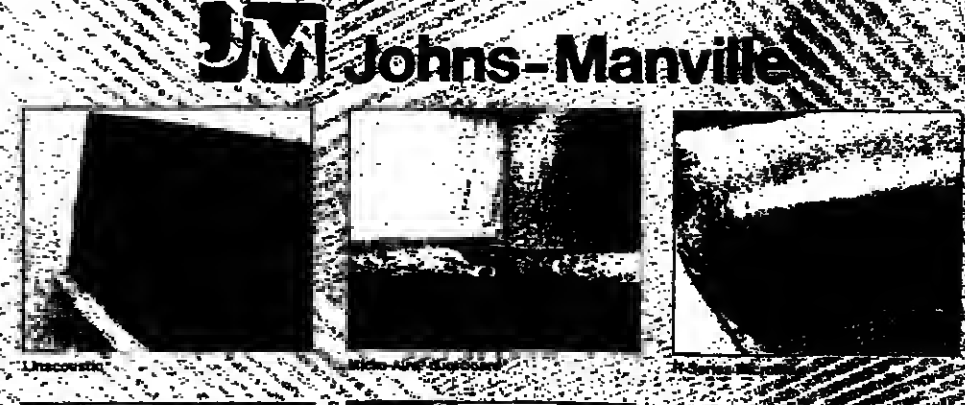
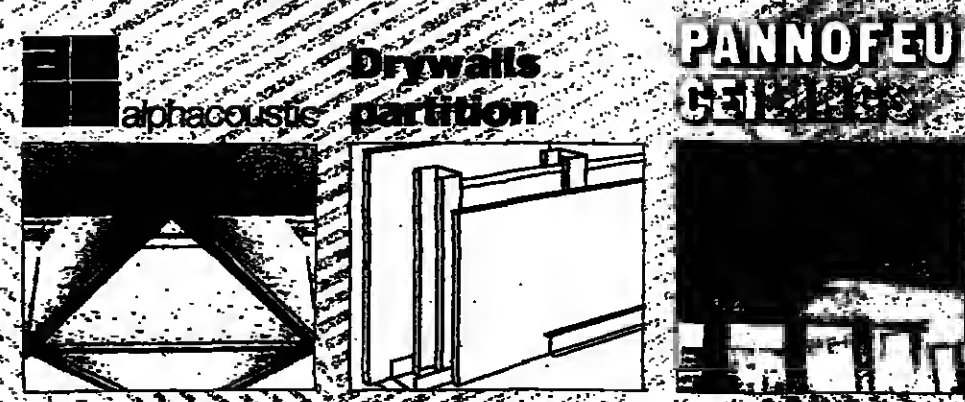
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## Tihama poised for joint stock company

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 13 — Tihama, the Kingdom's largest advertising and public relations concern, will be converted into a joint stock company. The issue was discussed during the company's shareholders' meeting here Saturday.

The meeting was the last for Tihama's current shareholders. They will meet again under the company's new status. The upcoming meeting will be held within a month from the issue of a royal decree approving the establishment of the joint stock company.

Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb, Tihama's director general, has been delegated by the board of directors and the shareholders to

### Exhibit planned at historic palace

JEDDAH, March 13 — An antiquities exhibition will be organized at the Masmak historic palace of Riyadh by the Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Masri, the director general, told Al-Riyadh Saturday that one or more exhibitions will be organized at the palace incorporating the historic materials and relics existing at the palace itself and reflecting the heritage of the Arabian Peninsula.

Masri said plans for the exhibition include displaying material antiquities which reflect the religious, political, military, social and architectural environment in the Kingdom. The project is expected to be completed within a year, Masri added, making the Masmak palace one of the landmarks of the capital.

Buildings surrounding the palace will be demolished through the Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh, Masri said.

pursue the conversion of Tihama into a joint stock company. Subscription to the company's new capital has been completed according to company sources, reflecting Tihama's prestige as a prominent national organization.

Tihama, founded in 1975, had conducted a first phase of public ownership by offering shares to its Saudi Arabian personnel. The next step was to invite subscription by outsiders, the source said. The move to convert the

### Bilateral ties reviewed

SANAA, March 13 (SPA) — North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thawri received Saturday the Kingdom's Charge d'Affaires here Mahmoud Bidawi. They reviewed means of consolidating bilateral relations between the North Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

company into a joint stock concern was approved preliminarily by the board of directors two months ago.

Prominent national businessmen, leaders of the local media and some press institutions have been invited to raise SR80 million, as a first phase toward the company's conversion into a joint stock company. The subscriptions were promptly paid up.

The joint stock company's capital is estimated at SR200 million, the source said.

The shareholders also discussed a number of important issues at the meeting which was held at the company's head office. They reviewed achievements of working plan devised by the board of directors for advertising and communications activities. The shareholders approved the company's final accounts for 1981 and reviewed its main objectives.

### In Dammam

## 1st women's book fair opens

DAMMAM, March 13 (SPA) — The first women's book fair was opened here Saturday by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen Ibn Jiluwi. The fair has been organized by the Eastern Province's Directorate General for Girls' Education and is held at the general library hall.

Dr. Muhammad ibn Ali Al-Harfi, the province's girls' education director general, thanked Prince Abdul Mohsen for patronizing the ceremony. He commended the idea of the fair and the Dammam girls' colleges' efforts in finding channels for cultural communications between women.

Harfi said that there is an idea for establishing a permanent cultural center for women in Dammam. The center will com-

prise a specialist women's library, a hall for screening cultural films, a kindergarten and a school for teaching dressmaking.

He added that the Government Railroad Organization has donated a plot here for the center's premises. The proposal has been submitted to the Presidency of Girls' Colleges for approval and allocation of funds in the province's next budget for the colleges.

Prince Abdul Mohsen inspected the fair after cutting the ribbon, officially opening the show. The fair, with the last three days allocated for men, includes more than 10,000 books in. Several publishing firms and libraries from the Kingdom, Arab and non-Arab countries are taking part.

## City to have ideal residential areas

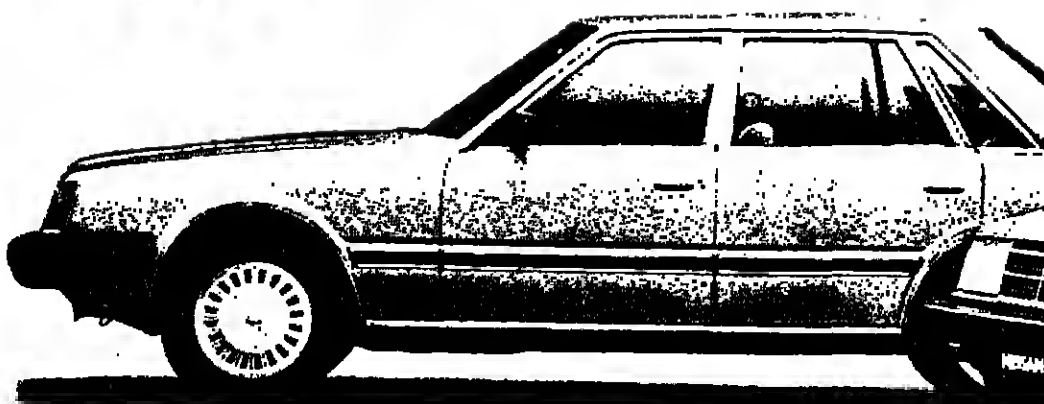
JEDDAH, March 13 — The municipality will soon select a number of areas in the city to be made into model residential sections.

Barakat Bajnaid, deputy mayor, told Al-Bilad Saturday that the areas will be four square kilometers each and will be provided with all essential services including parking lots and illumination. The municipality will supply model designs for the buildings, villas and apartment blocs free of charge to those who will be willing to implement them.

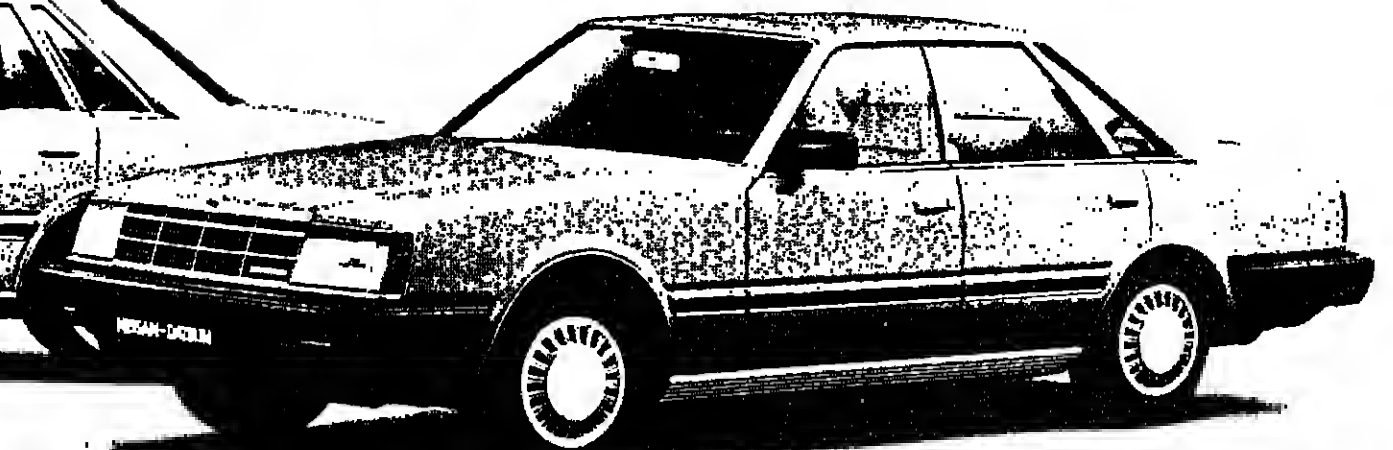
"This is part of the municipality's plan to raise the standard of the residential areas in the city by every possible way," he said. Even the shops and restaurants will be carefully licensed in order to avoid over competition.

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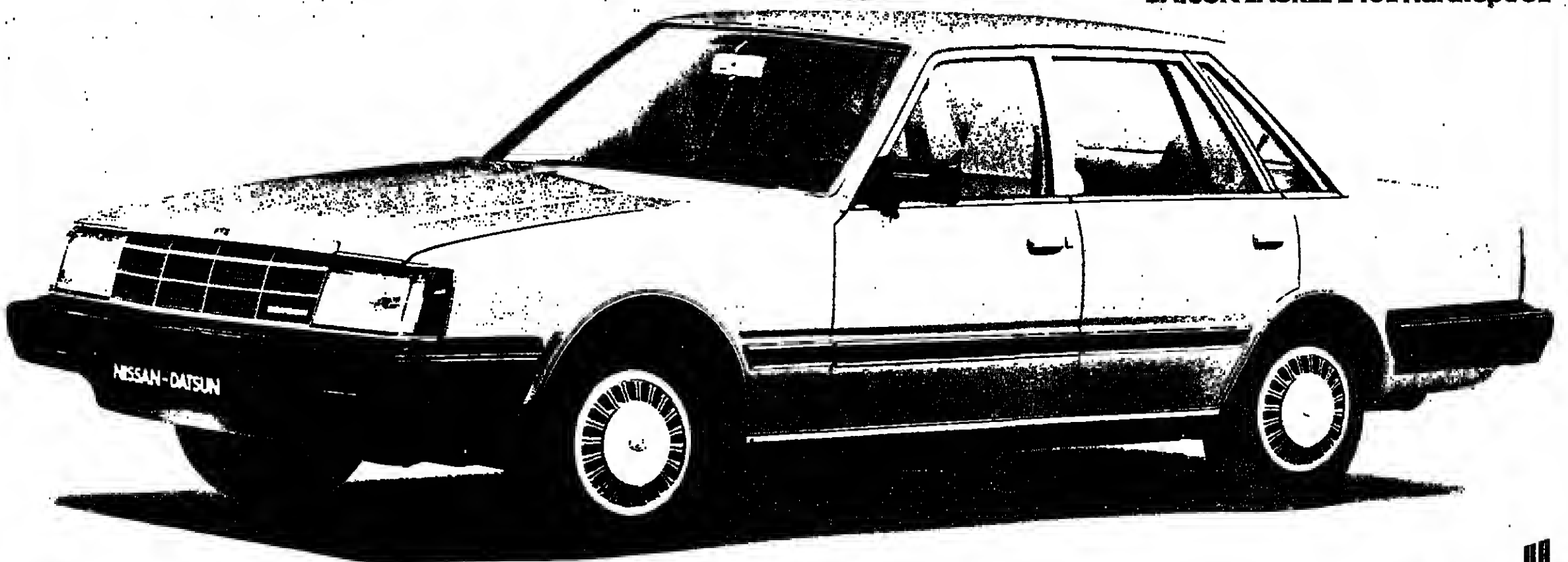
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**Alleging murder threat****Israelis clamp curfew on West Bank village**

TEL AVIV, March 13 (Agencies) — Israeli military authorities Saturday imposed a curfew on Bitunya village in the occupied West Bank following an alleged assassination threat against a local pro-Israeli leader there, military sources said.

Attackers were alleged to have fired a number of shots Friday night at the house of Fahi Riese, a supporter of the Israeli-sponsored village league in the Ramallah area, they said. No one was hurt.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin met a prominent village league leader, Mustafa Dadein, Friday after Jordan said it would try

West Bank residents associated with the leagues for treason. Government sources said Begin promised renewed Israeli protection for the league, five of which have been established so far, from Jordanians and Palestinians.

Israel, which has failed to develop a leadership in the West Bank to be hostile to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), has encouraged the setting up of village leagues as an attempt to bypass the West Bank leaders, mainly mayors of West Bank towns, who openly acknowledge their support for the PLO.

**Sinai-bound minesweeper held up**

ROME, March 13 (AP) — An Italian Navy minesweeper which set off to join the Sinai peacekeeping force fleet Wednesday was anchored in Messina, Sicily, Saturday, awaiting parliamentary approval for the voyage.

Italian Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio hastily canceled a ceremony planned in the Italian port of Civitavecchia for *The Palma*

**Barre due in Canada**

OTTAWA, March 13 (AFP) — Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre is due here Tuesday for a two-day official visit, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's office has announced.

Siad Barre, currently on an official visit to the United States, will talk with Trudeau on bilateral cooperation. Canadian aid to refugees in Somalia's Ogaden region, and various international problems, the prime minister's office said.

and its 27 volunteers and Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo was forced to cut short an official trip to Japan. Colombo will meet the parliamentary committees for defense and foreign affairs Friday to try to get formal parliamentary approval for the government decision.

*The Palma* was due at Sharm El Sheikh at the southern Sinai by Saturday. It was the first of three navy minesweepers the Italian government planned to contribute to the multinational peacekeeping force. The minesweeper departed Wednesday amid protests by the Communist Party, which asked for a joint meeting of the parliamentary defense and foreign affairs committees.

Giancarlo Pajetta, Communist Party's foreign affairs spokesman protested that the government contributed a contingent without seeking a specific law to allow participation. He said the government's action was unconstitutional.

**Egypt to make Yamit village tourist spot**

CAIRO, March 13 (AFP) — Egyptian authorities will develop a tourist village at Yamit in the northern Sinai after Israeli withdrawal from the peninsula is completed next month, Israeli Regional Governor said here.

Israeli settlers have made the present Israeli settlement at Yamit a focal point for protests against withdrawal. According to the Israeli governor, Egypt planned a 4,000-bed tourist project, and also to export fruit and vegetables from farms around Yamit.

**BRIEFS**

KUWAIT, (AP) — Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad conferred here Saturday with former U.S. President Gerald Ford, who came to Kuwait to attend meetings of the board of directors of the Santa Fe Corporation. No details are immediately available about the topics the two men discussed.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived here Saturday with a 40-member delegation to discuss economic cooperation, the official Iranian news agency announced. In the Syrian capital Damascus, observers said Khaddam might also discuss a possible compromise settlement in the Iran-Iraq Gulf war.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali will go to Israel Monday for an official two-day visit, press reports here said Friday. Ali will meet Israeli Prime Minister Meoahem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir for talks on the last stage of the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

ANKARA, (AP) — Three leftist terrorists, convicted of two political assassinations, were banged early Saturday in the Buca prison near the Aegean port city of Izmir, it was officially announced.

**On sabotage charges****Bahrain puts 73 on trial**

BAHRAIN, March 13 (R) — Seventy-three persons went on trial Saturday, facing death sentences if convicted, in connection with Iranian-backed attempted coup in Bahrain last December, justice ministry officials said. Iran has denied any involvement.

A justice ministry spokesman said three days ago the trial before the supreme court would be public. But journalists had not received permission to attend by the time it opened. Ministry officials said the court had moved to a tiny fishing village 20 kms south of the capital, Manama, to hear the case at a prison there. The road to the village of Jau was closed Saturday.

The prosecution has said it will seek the death sentence for all the defendants, mostly Bahrainis, charged with crimes against the state's security in cooperation with a foreign power. The chief public prosecutor, Issa Bokhawa, has said the defendants will also be charged with setting up an underground organization and illegally possessing arms and explosives with the aim of damaging public installations and spreading terror. The authorities have not named the 73 defendants so far.

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**Klibi visits Beirut**

BEIRUT, March 13 (AFP) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived here late Friday on an official visit requested by the Lebanese government.

At a press conference organized around his arrival, Klibi said that despite special circumstances that had led to the adjournment of the last two sessions of the Arab committee — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon, and Syria — the committee would soon resume its meetings.

The committee, responsible for looking into the problem of South Lebanon, should meet March 18, he said.

**PLO spokesman denies Israeli allegations**

BEIRUT, March 13 (AFP) — A Palestinian military spokesman Saturday denied Israeli reports of a sophisticated Syrian military observation post at the Palestinians' Beaufort Castle position overlooking the Litani Valley.

The denial, carried by the Palestinian news agency Wafa, said that reports Friday from the "Zionist enemy" were false, and issued "in order to justify aggressions against South Lebanon and the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples."

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**AUCTION, MEDINA: MEDINA AREA CONTRACTORS**  
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## Colombia's leftists try to ruin elections

By Luis Carlinio

BOGOTA —

A psychological battle between Colombia's Liberal government and left-wing guerrillas may be more important than the result of parliamentary elections on Sunday. During the run-up to the elections, in which 9,000 national, provincial and municipal seats are at stake, the guerrillas have been urging voters to abstain as a way of showing their opposition to the present system of government.

Colombia's main guerrilla group, the M-19 Movement, has stepped up its campaign of bombings and murders despite suffering severe setbacks recently. Since the 1957 overthrow of Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, Colombia's only military dictator this century, abstentions have swung between 43 and 67 percent of the eligible vote.

In previous elections, this reluctance to vote has been blamed largely on the coalition agreement devised by the Liberal and Conservative Parties to end a virtual civil war between their supporters which left some 300,000 people dead in the 1950s.

The two major parties, still bound by a constitutionally sanctioned system of power-sharing, regard Sunday's polling as a primary election which will determine their candidates for the presidential elections in May.

The planting of a car packed with explosives in front of the presidential palace this week was the apparent peak of a campaign staged by the M-19 to show that Colombia's social problems cannot be solved by the present democratic system.

The government of President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala has countered by accusing the guerrillas of trying to intimidate voters and urging the population to go to the polls to show their rejection of violence.

The Conservative Party is seeking the ratification of Belisario Betancur as its first unity candidate in 30 years, while the Liberals are divided between supporters of the government-backed former President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen and another contender, Luis Carlos Galan. The failure of either of the Liberal contenders to obtain a clear-cut lead would throw the nomination open to an extraordinary coalition which would be faced with a much wider field of candidates.

Iriglio Barco, a failed challenger for the candidacy, Bogota Mayor Hernando Duran and former Foreign Minister Indalecio Llanero Aguirre would be likely contenders, but political sources doubt if any of them could command enough support.

Party speculation centers on former President Carlos Lleras Restrepo, who currently heads a peace commission studying ways to end the guerrilla violence, as a possible compromise choice.

The leftist parties have joined forces in the Communist-led Popular Unity Front supporting the candidacy of Gerardo Molina, a respected scholar, but they are not expected to stray far from their historical average of four percent of the vote.

The political purpose of the election has been largely hijacked by the almost identical campaign promises of the two major parties to restore peace, generate employment and boost agricultural production. The Liberals and Conservatives have ruled in loose alliance since 1957, when they ended a virtual civil war, overthrew Gen. Pinilla, and agreed on a national front which committed both parties to an equal share of power in congress and cabinet, with the presidency alternating every four years.

## U.S. supports Afghan struggle against Soviet occupation

By Nan B. Anthony  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

The United States has announced its support for an international effort in behalf of the Afghan people's fight for freedom from Soviet domination. President Reagan, joining members of Congress, proclaimed March 21 as Afghan Solidarity Day.

In the proclamation, Reagan once again condemned the Soviet Union for its unprovoked and forceful invasion of Afghanistan. He said the Afghan people had resisted "with a vigor that has few parallels in modern history. They have paid a terrible price in their fight for freedom."

A series of special programs — involving all living former presidents and secretaries of state — are being planned throughout the United States during the next two weeks. Reagan also said he would like to dedicate the third flight of the space shuttle *Columbia* to the people of Afghanistan.

By staging such events, the U.S. administration hopes to focus public attention, and that of the media, on the seriousness of Soviet actions in Afghanistan, the heroic effort of the Afghan resistance fighters, and the plight of the three million Afghan refugees who have fled from their country since the Soviet invasion in 1979.

Several congressmen were especially enthusiastic in support of this movement, initiated by European

parliamentarians, to "redirect" the attention of the international community to continued Soviet violations in Afghanistan.

This week, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard State Department evidence of Soviet attacks involving the use of poison gas and other chemical weapons. Such use is in violation of an international treaty signed by the Soviet Union in 1925. According to the State Department, there has been only one other known violation, in Yemen, since that time.

As a result of chemical attacks, 3,042 deaths, attributed to 47 separate incidents between 1979 and 1981, have been reported, according to Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel. "Analysis of all the information available leads us to conclude that attacks have been conducted with irritants, incapacitants, nerve agents, phosgene oxime, and perhaps mycotoxins, mustard, lewisite and toxic smoke," Stoessel said.

Although the U.S. does not have physical evidence of weapons containing chemicals, it has obtained testimony from Afghan army defectors and civilian victims treated by doctors in Pakistan and India. Further testimony as to the use of chemicals was given by Philip H. Stoddard, a State Department intelligence officer with extensive Middle East background, who estimated that the number of deaths attributable to such weapons may well be much higher than 3,000, perhaps double.

Stoessel also told the Senate committee that the State Department believes the number of Soviet troops in Afghanistan has been increased. He estimated the current strength to be about 100,000. This buildup "reflects the increased difficulty that the Soviets are having," he said.

Other witnesses testified that Western press reports have carried stories from Afghan army defectors concerning the morale problems of Soviet soldiers serving in Afghanistan. They recounted difficulties of fighting terrain, equipment maintenance, housing and health which plague the Soviet army. An increasing number of Soviet casualties is also reported.

Evidence presented to the committee stated that monitors of the Soviet press indicate very little coverage of Soviet activities in Afghanistan, including those of the Soviet army. Official Russian press agencies gave initial accounts of the "requests" by the Afghan government for Soviet assistance, but there has been little subsequent information to indicate the actual size and scope of Soviet occupation forces.

Stoessel gave particularly compelling testimony as to Soviet violations of human rights resulting in the flight of hundreds of Afghans. "The most basic human right — to life itself — is being violated daily by the Soviets and their puppets in Afghanistan. There are thousands of political prisoners. We have frequent reports of torture, of summary executions,

and a long list of other violations which testify to the brutality of the Afghan regime and its Soviet masters," he reported.

He also told the senators that Afghan refugees now numbering three million, constitute the largest refugee group in the world. The majority of them have fled to make-shift camps in Pakistan and India where deplorable conditions exist despite United Nations assistance.

The committee heard other testimony concerning the strategic importance of Afghanistan to the Western world and of the long-range intentions of the Soviets to remain in control for strategic, political and economic purposes.

Quoting American Professor Leon Poulis, another academic told the committee that intervention to the Afghan struggle is a "foolish repudiation of American self-interest, because the Afghans are defending the Gulf which is vital to our security. At the moment, they are better than an American Rapid Deployment Force because they are a constant deployment force already fighting and successfully barring Soviet expansion. They are pinning down nearly 100,000 crack Soviet troops, thus restraining the USSR in Poland and relieving intolerable pressures on Pakistan and Iran."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 14th, the 73rd day of 1982. There are 292 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1558 — Ferdinand I assumes title of Roman Emperor without being crowned by the Pope.

1647 — France and Sweden sign treaty of Ulm with elector of Bavaria.

1689 — Convention parliament meets in Scotland, and William and Mary are proclaimed king and queen of England.

1757 — British Admiral Byng is executed for neglect of duty resulting in loss of Minorca.

1848 — Constitution in Rome is promulgated by Pope Pius IX.

1915 — German cruiser *Dresden* surrenders to British in World War I.

1968 — Czechoslovak Deputy Defense Minister Vladimir Janko commits suicide after being linked to a general who defected to the United States.

1971 — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi gains firm control of parliament in New Delhi winning a two-thirds majority.

1973 — The United States relaxes embargo on arms shipments to Pakistan and India.

1978 — Israeli troops invade South Lebanon.

1980 — Polish airliner crashes, killing all people aboard, including group of young U.S. boxers en route to amateur fights in Poland.

1981 — Three hijackers who held more than 100 hostages for 13 days aboard Pakistani airline surrender in Syria.

Thought for today:

Bad laws are the worst sort of tyranny — Edmund Burke, Irish-born statesman (1797-1797).

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## QADDAFI'S EXIT

Col. Qaddafi of Libya must blame himself for the trouble he is in. It is sad that he is not alone in shouldering this crisis since it also involves the Libyan people, through no fault of theirs.

The American decision to stop buying Libyan oil is only one link in the chain of crises that Qaddafi has foisted on his people and country. He has been systematically striving to invite hostility and suspicion ever since he seized power in 1970.

He started with a lot of goodwill and intentions. He was an Arab nationalist leader, promising to realize Arab unity, improve the lot of the Libyan people, introduce democratic processes and develop the country as never before including an ambitious plan to make the desert produce vegetables and flowers.

Then he became a megalomaniac and believed his own illusions about being a gifted leader who deserved to give the world a new theory for political and economic transformation. He squandered considerable wealth on grandiose projects, built a huge arsenal of arms at exorbitant prices which he could not use effectively anywhere except in poor Chad, some of whose territory he had annexed by force.

At the same time he only paid lip service to democracy. His much vaunted people's committees are a sham. Nobody has the right to freely express themselves against the leader and his regime. The papers are shackled mouth pieces which sing the leader's praises and his so-called achievements. Opposition groups have been wiped out and those who managed to escape abroad have been liquidated by his hazy assassination squads, much to the shock of mankind. He criticizes other regimes of being suppressive although his is one of the most despotic in the world.

Now he is bankrupt. The bulging treasury is no more, and he is finding it difficult to sell his reduced oil output to finance the day to day current expense accounts. Qaddafi may soon have to borrow abroad if he can secure lenders. But he has so few friends that Libya will find it difficult to borrow on the international money markets now that the U.S. has declared an economic war on the regime.

That is why he is blaming others for his financial mess. He had refused to heed the voice of reason to help control the prices of oil from rising too steeply and went on unilaterally to raise his prices to over \$40 a barrel, smashing OPEC's unity in 1979.

When trouble began, he undercut OPEC to obtain fresh customers. When the market changed from a seller's to a buyer's one he found himself in the soup. Now he is at it again slashing right and left to find scapegoats. But this time he stands nearly alone. His Soviet friends, and his allies in Ethiopia and South Yemen are in no position to bolster him. The Libyan people are disillusioned, their hopes for freedom and prosperity dashed.

It may well be that Col. Qaddafi has entered the countdown stage, not for takeoff, but actually, for his exit from the world stage.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Saturday's newspapers commented on the need for hammering out a collective Arab strategy, the change in France's Middle East policy, and on the Council of Europe's rejection of Arab protests against holding a political affairs committee's meeting in Jerusalem.

*Al-Jazirah* stressed the need for the formulation of a constructive Arab strategy through the adoption of a positive dialogue with West European countries in support of Arab issues.

"Although the West European countries have expressed their support for the just causes of the Arabs and the legality of the Palestinian rights, yet these states have not attempted to practically demonstrate their backing by exerting pressures on Israel to abandon its malicious acts in the Middle East," the paper said.

The paper called on the Arabs to use their economic card and politicize their economic ties with the Western countries.

Commenting on the sudden

change in the French Mideast policy and the French renunciation of support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, *Al-Madinah* said, "The PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinian people and it has become a reality that no one can ignore the Palestinian people's backing for the PLO and its recognition by more than 150 nations in the world."

The paper regretted "the uncertainty and absence of reality in the current French Middle East policy."

Commenting on the 21-nation Council of Europe's rejection of formal Arab government protests against the holding of a political affairs committee's meeting in Jerusalem, *Al-Nadwa* said, "The meeting will be considered as an indirect European recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

The paper rejected the justification given by the committee's chairman describing it as "regrettable attempts by the council to conceal its pro-Israeli policy." — (SFA)



## A mystery for 33 years

# Costliest Swedish film examines polar balloon exploration disaster

By Michael Metcalfe

STOCKHOLM (R) — A failed attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon, in which three people died, is the subject of the costliest film ever made in Sweden.

On July 11 1897, a gas-filled balloon called the *Eagle* and carrying three Swedes in its canvas and wicker basket took off from Donskaya on the Norwegian Svalbard islands to head north across the polar ice cap.

It never returned and for 33 years the fate of the explorers was a mystery. In 1930 a Norwegian ship found their remains on White Island, northernmost of the Svalbard group.

They were returned to Sweden where they received a posthumous heroes' welcome.

The flight of the *Eagle* and the story of its quixotic creator, Salmon August Andree, were filmed last year by Jan Troell, Swedish

director of such epics as *The Emigrants* and *The New Land*.

Costing about \$3.5 million and filmed mostly in Sweden, the film stars Swede Max Von Sydow, leading actor in many early films by Swedish director Ingmar Bergman.

Von Sydow, who plays Andree, describes the key to the enigmatic explorer's character by quoting a line from British poet Rudyard Kipling: "If you can dream — and not make dreams your master..."

"That was the one thing Andree failed to do," added the actor.

The film, called *The Flight of the Eagle* is based on a book by Swede per Olof Sundman, who says Andree was indecisive and irresponsible.

In the book, Sundman says the explorer was aware the expedition was doomed and was afraid of a loss in social prestige if he put off the flight, his second attempt after a first failed in 1896.

But Troell disagrees: "he had no choice. He had to go. There had been gossip about his cowardice when he returned in 1896, when they were forced to cancel the flight."

The director said in a recent interview that he was drawn to the strong character of Andree and his determination to conquer the unknown.

The filming presented awesome difficulties for the director.

A new *Eagle* had to be constructed at a cost of more than \$100,000, using original plans, diagrams and photos from the Andree Museum at the explorer's birthplace of Graenna in central southern Sweden.

The eerie, empty wastes of the Arctic were last winter filmed by a camera crew on the frozen islands that make up the northern tip of the Gulf of Bothnia between Sweden and Finland.

A film team also travelled to the Svalbard islands last summer to film where the *Eagle* ascended 85 years ago.

A product of the 19th century and the age of Jules Verne, as Sundman describes him, Andree was born on October 18, 1854. He left Graenna to study engineering at the University of Stockholm and travelled to the United States in 1876.

Andree saw his first balloon at the Philadelphia World Exposition of that year.

Fascinated by aeronautics, Andree stayed in Philadelphia to study ballooning and then returned to Sweden to discover that polar exploration was fast becoming a national craze.

In 1882 Andree was part of a Swedish research team on Svalbard, an archipelago halfway between northern Norway and the North Pole and unit that time a desolate base for whalers and seal hunters.

That year was the first International Year for Polar Exploration. It saw 14 bases created for scientific research in the arctic and antarctic regions.

Returning to Stockholm, Andree worked on his plan to reach the North Pole, inaccessible mainly because of the treacherous pack-ice which trapped boats and sledges. So why not float over the ice by balloon, thought Andree.

The idea met with an encouraging response. Financial backing came from such quarters as Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and founder of the Nobel prize institution.

The venture's aim was sharpened by national prestige, when Frederick Hansen of Norway, at that time ruled by Sweden, came close to reaching the North Pole in a 1893-96 expedition.

Andree, backed by an enthusiastic and patriotic national press campaign soon found two crewmen. One was Nils Strindberg, a cousin of Swedish playwright August Strindberg, the other Nils Ekholm, a meteorologist.

The first attempt, in 1896, was foiled by unfavorable winds and leaking gas and Ekholm then pulled out. A replacement was found and the *Eagle* was sent to Paris for further insulation and caulking.

## New cancer technique is called promising

By Harry Nelson

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Using a newly developed technique of making highly specific antibodies to attack cancer cells, Stanford University scientists have made a significant improvement in the health of a 67-year-old man with an advanced case of cancer of the lymph system.

But the researchers caution that the treatment is experimental and the patient has a type of cancer that responds to this type of treatment more than most other kinds of cancer.

The patient, whose cancer is called B-cell Lymphoma, was described in the March 4 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* as being in his ninth month of remission following treatment with the specialized, or monoclonal, antibodies.

The Stanford team is headed by Dr. Ronald Levy, who over the past year has treated 10 patients with other types of cancer using the antibody technique.

None of the results obtained by Levy in the 10 previous cases in which monoclonal antibodies were used has been as successful as the most recent case of B-cell Lymphoma. The earlier cases were Leukemia and a different kind of Lymphoma called T-cell Lymphoma.



HOT AIR BALLOON RACE: Thirty-three balloons representing 10 countries recently took part in various tests and races during the International Hot Air Balloon Week held at Chateau d'Oex. This photo was taken at the beginning of the first race.

## Urdu language was nurtured in south India

NEW DELHI (PTI) — Although controversy surrounds the origins of Urdu, the language spoken by 30 million Indians living mostly in Northern India, a recently published study says the language was actually nurtured and developed in south India.

The eminent historian and biographer, K. K. Khullar writes in his new book, "*Urdu Ka Akhbari Naggad*" (The Last Urdu Critic), that Urdu as a language grew and developed in the former states of Bijapur and Golconda in South India before striking roots in Aligarh and Lucknow in the North.

The earlier names of the language were "Dakhani" and "Gujri", after the people of Deccan and Gujarat who were the first users of the language.

"Rekhta", the language of pre-18th cen-

tury Delhi poets, came much later when a Dakhani poet, Wali Dakhani came to Delhi in the 18th century and persuaded Mir Taqi Mir not to waste his time on Persian but to concentrate on Urdu.

The first Urdu poet of repute, according to Khullar, was the King of Golconda, Mohammed Quli Qutub Shah, the founder of Hyderabad city and the contemporary of the great Mughal king, Akbar.

Describing it as one of the richest languages in the world, the author points out that Urdu has numerous words to express the most subtle of human emotions. Giving examples, he says there are more than 700 words for "dil" (heart), 450 for "jigar" (liver) and 500 for "ishq" (love).

Khullar rejects the popular notion that

Urdu is a form of Hindi or a Persianized form of Hindustani, saying that it can be shown to possess distinctive character.

Khullar believes that Urdu is the only modern Indian language in which university professors and ivory-tower academics had made no worthwhile contribution. Writers and critics in Urdu, instead of paying attention to the progressive trends in Urdu literature, generally chose to dwell on the backward, mushy and sentimental aspects.

The pre-dominant theme of Khullar's book, which comprises 23 lucid and cogent essays in Urdu, is that the history of modern India would have read differently had Urdu literature, including Urdu newspapers and journals, been used as primary source materials.

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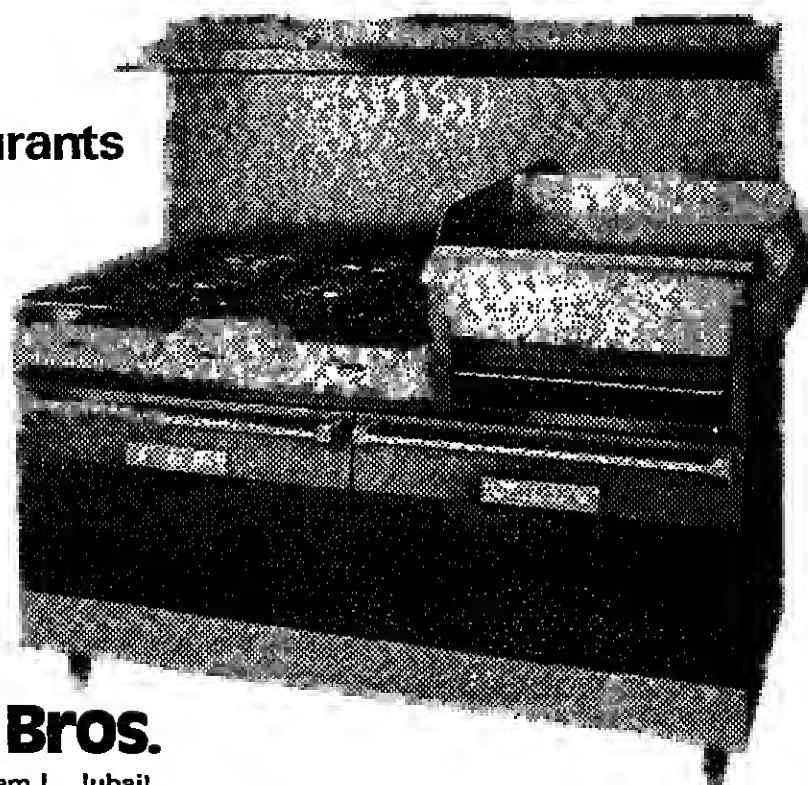
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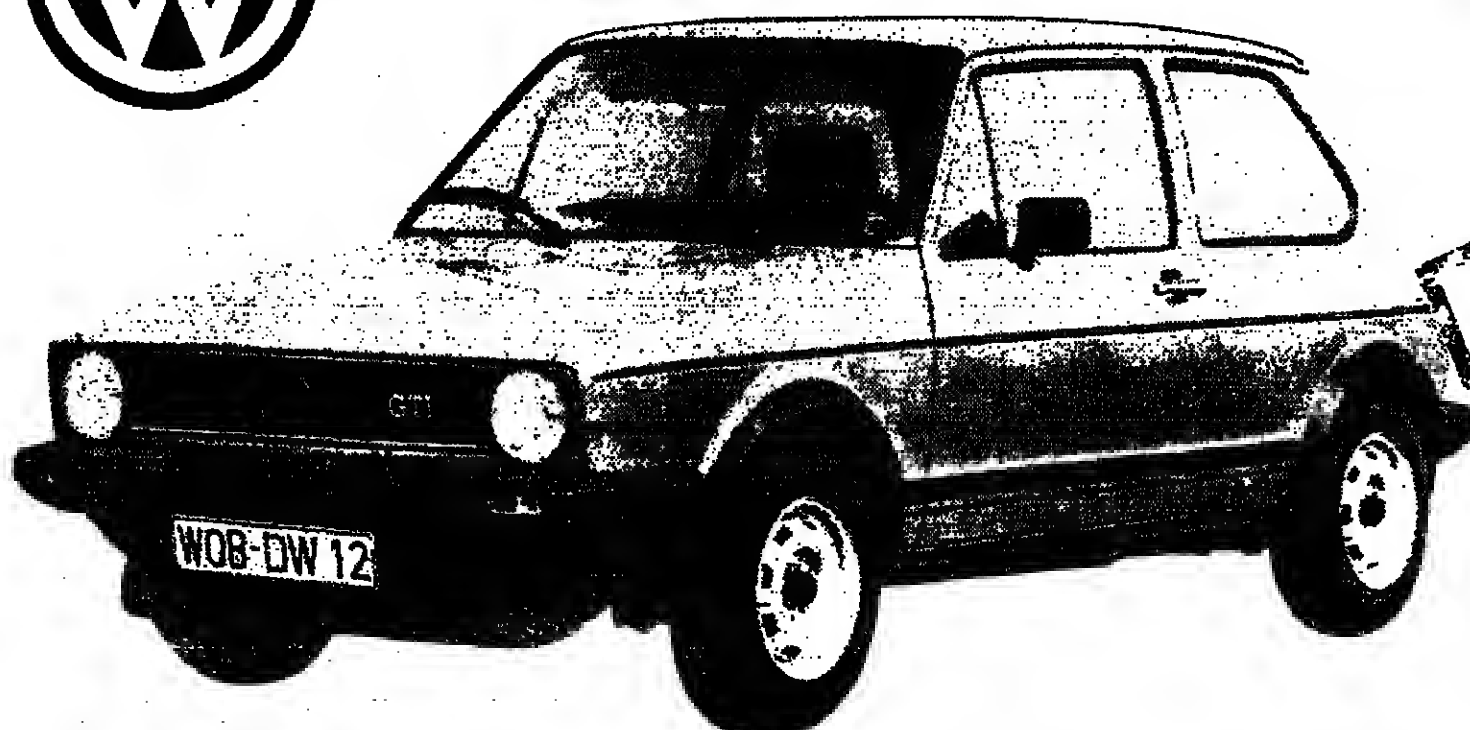
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## Balancing efficiency with safety

# U.S. drug agency to speed approval without risk

By Paul Jacobs

ROCKVILLE, Md. (WP) — For almost a decade, critics have complained that many important, even life-saving, drugs reach the U.S. market long after they are available elsewhere in the world. And many of these critics lay a large share of the blame for what they call "the drug lag" on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, whose decision-makers work in a sprawling office complex in this suburb of Washington, D.C.

The criticisms of the FDA have taken on a new urgency with the Reagan administration's promise to remove regulatory impediments to industry. And both the Reagan-appointed FDA commissioner and a congressional commission on drug development are working on proposals to speed up drug approval.

However, there is another side to the so-called drug lag. The agency's defenders are worried that its high standards will be eroded in response to the drug lag attacks and that drugs of questionable safety and effectiveness will trickle into the marketplace with disastrous results.

By insisting on proof of a drug's safety and usefulness, these individuals say, the Food and Drug Administration has spared Americans a number of drug disasters.

In fact, a survey of the agency's performance over the last 20 years reveals an impressive list of drugs never marketed in the United States that have caused death or serious side effects among patients in other countries. Among the drugs:

— Aminorex, an amphetamine-like appetite suppressant, sold in Switzerland, Germany and Australia in the 1960s. The drug caused hundreds of cases of pulmonary hypertension — increased blood pressure in the circulation between heart and lungs — and led to several deaths before the drug was withdrawn from European markets.

— High-dose isoproterenol inhalers that contained especially strong concentrations of an asthma drug that is still widely prescribed today. The high-dose version apparently caused an epidemic of deaths among asthma patients in several countries, including England in 1965. The high-dose drug was never sold in the United States.

— Clonidine, an anti-diarrhea medication that caused what Dr. J. Richard Crout, chief of the FDA's Bureau of Drugs, calls the "world's greatest drug disaster." Between 10,000 and 20,000 people in Japan in the 1950s and 1960s were injured by the drug, which caused a condition called subacute myelino-optic neuropathy, or SMON, a nerve disorder that can lead to blindness, paralysis

and loss of speech. The drug, which was also marketed in the United States but with warnings to avoid prolonged use, was removed from the Japanese market in 1970.

— Thalidomide, a sedative that was regarded as absolutely safe and marketed in the late 1950s in Europe and Australia, where it caused deformities in an estimated 8,000 infants whose mothers took the drug during pregnancy. The FDA kept drug off the market in the United States. It was removed from pharmacy shelves in other countries in late 1961.

Since 1962, when Congress amended the Federal Food and Drug Act, the Food and Drug Administration has done a wholesale cleanup of medications that did not meet the law's new standards, which requires that all drugs be shown effective as well as safe.

Of almost 3,500 prescription drugs reviewed, more than 25 percent were removed from the market. Those medications in various strengths and combinations were included in 7,000 different drug products.

Until recently, the food and drug agency's harshest critics complained that the regulatory agency had been too lax, allowing dangerous products on the market with destructive consequences.

Despite its reputation as the toughest — and some have said most nipping — drug regulator in the world, the agency has approved few medications that have caused serious, unforeseen side effects.

Triazur was approved for sale in the United States in the summer of 1975 after an extensive debate within the agency. The drug was intended for severe cases of psoriasis, a chronic skin disease. But among the first 500 to 1,000 patients to be treated with triazur, one died, another had a limb amputated and six others developed blood clots. The drug was withdrawn a year after it was introduced.

The incident resulted in an angry congressional hearing that reflected the mood of the time: congressmen were concerned that the agency had not done enough to protect the patients.

But the pendulum has swung, and congress is asking why the agency is so slow to approve new drugs.

At the same time, agency commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes has formed his own internal task force to do the same thing.

Groups are looking for ways to simplify and speed drug approval without unleashing dangerous or ineffective medications.

The Reagan-appointed FDA Commissioner, Hayes, a respected cardiologist who was once a critic of the agency, wants to improve efficiency at the agency without changing its high standards.

But FDA officials have continued to defend the record on specific drugs that are held up as examples of the agency's contribution to the drug lag.

Like his predecessors, Reagan's choice as FDA Commissioner, Dr. Arthur Hull Hayes is promising to unstick what he calls "the bureaucratic molasses" in his own agency.

But the agency's own statistics show that the same number of reviewers are being asked to review an increasing number of drug applications. The drug industry organization, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, has suggested adding more money and staff as a way to speed approval without reducing standards.

Commissioner Hayes, however, believes that the answer is not "throwing more money and people into it." He hopes that management changes can pep up the process.

He points with pride to the recent agency approval of Timolol, another medication shown to reduce deaths after heart attacks. "We were the fifth or sixth (country) to license it," Hayes said. The FDA trailed its foreign counterparts by only a few weeks.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

## TEAKETTLES ARE FOR MORE THAN JUST TEA

## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Old-fashioned remedies — grandma's remedies — so many doctors laugh at them. Yet, I think you will admit that they often work.

Take the problem of a dry cough, for example. I developed it after a severe attack of the flu. I coughed for weeks.

My doctor prescribed, and I self-prescribed, all sorts of cough medicines. Nothing seemed to help. I'd get up at night and walk around to keep from choking.

My grandmother suggested that the bedroom was too dry. "Why don't you put a heater next to your bed and a teakettle filled with water? The boiling water will let off steam and the dryness in your throat will disappear."

I tried it. I had the first night's comfortable sleep in weeks. And within a few days the cough disappeared.

Why don't you doctors think of a simple, effective remedy like that? Too busy with your new diagnostic gadgets? — Mrs. O.

Dear Mrs. O: An orchid for grandma! She deserves it for her effective remedy. As in your case, some doctors may overlook the "simple" remedies. But I think most will agree that added moisture in a room will often make breathing easier and help a stubborn cough.

But if you'll forgive our penchant for "gadgets," you can buy a humidifier that will be even more effective than grandma's teakettle. Indoor heat during cold spells dries out the air and aggravates coughs like yours, Mrs. O.

### MEDICALETES

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. U.: I suggest a consultation with a specialist in tuber-

culosis. Then you will know whether or not your daughter has the disease.

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I worried about my husband when he had an ordinary job and didn't make much money. Now I'm more worried than ever. Not about money but about his health.

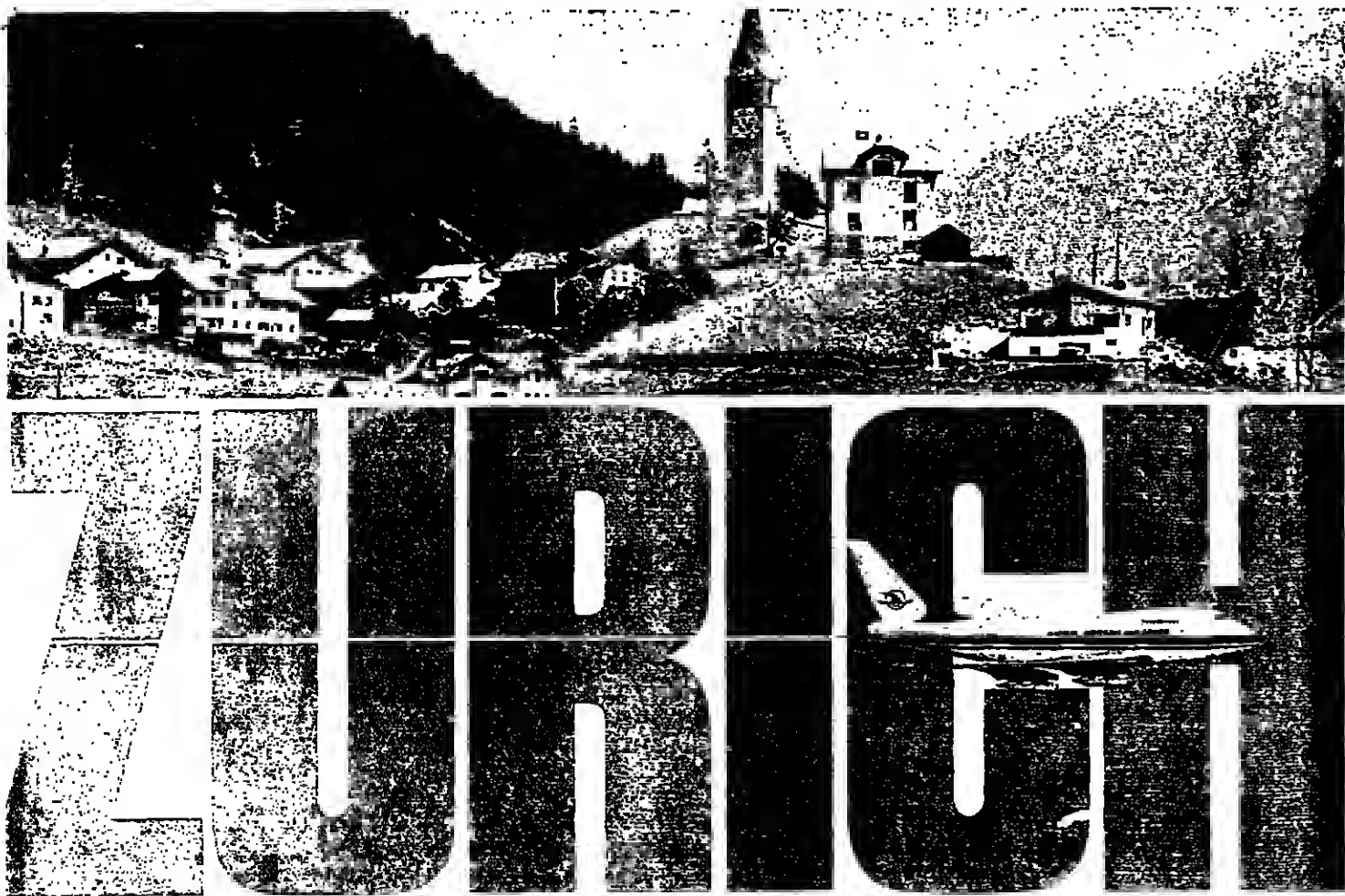
He has worked his way up to an executive position. I think he works too hard. Oh for the good old days when all I worried about was bills. Don't you think that executives are in greater danger than others? — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: Executives do not fit into one simple formula. They are human beings who differ in their reaction to responsibilities. If your husband has a real problem, have him talk it over with your family doctor.

Meanwhile, I think you will be interested in an irreverent division of executive types. This (unknown) contributor divided executives into four groups: the ulcer type who worries his way about; the adenoidal, who yells at everyone; the thyroidal who jitters and rushes about; and the hemorrhoidal who just sits and waits for the situation to clear up.

For Mrs. F.: Your reaction is not unusual. Retirement, chosen or enforced, can precipitate unhappiness and illness in those who have not prepared for it years earlier. The shock of idleness can be handled, but it makes better sense to try to prevent the shock of retirement in the first place.

Tomorrow: The diet to end all diets



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# Another Look

## What I know about my children

By Robert Yoakum

Deciding that too many parents were too uninformed about their own children, a free-lance writer and former family counselor by the name of Judi Bailey devised a 30-question quiz to illustrate her point.

There isn't space here to handle all 30 questions, but my 18-year-old son Robert gave me an A — on the following answers:

1. What color would he/she like his/her room to be?

Rob would like his walls (and windows) painted black so that clothes on the chairs, desk, and floor wouldn't be so noticeable.

2. What embarrasses him/her most?

What embarrasses Rob most is being seen in public with his parents.

3. What is his/her biggest fear?

His biggest fear is of being embarrassed.

4. In gym, would your child rather play basketball, do exercises, or run relays?

None of the above. Rob would rather not be in gym at all.

5. What is his/her favorite kind of music?

Loud.

6. What person outside the family has most influenced your child's life?

It's a tossup between the writer James Thurber and Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead.

7. What are his/her favorite and least favorite subjects in school?

Favorites: drama, art, English, and computer. Least favorite: everything else.

8. What is your child's biggest complaint about the family?

"They are always on my back," or "They are always on my case," or "They are always bugging me about something." (His second biggest complaint is that everyone ignores him.)

9. If you could buy your child anything in the world, what would be his/her first choice?

I wasn't sure about the answer to that one so I asked him. He replied, "A bank."

10. What really makes your child angry?

I assume that is supposed to read, "What makes your child really angry?" The answer is injustice, intolerance, arrogance, oppres-

sion, and other parental attributes.

11. What would your child like to be when he/she grows up?

An actor, a rock star, a humor writer, a naturalist, or a psychiatrist specializing in parents.

12. What has been the biggest disappointment in your child's life this year?

Same as last year, and the year before that, and year before that: failure of parents to get off back, get off case, etc.

13. What gift from you does your child cherish most?

His parents' trip to the Caribbean for two weeks in January, during which he was alone in the house.

14. Which of these chores does your child dislike most: drying dishes, cleaning his/her room, or taking out the trash?

He dislikes doing the dishes and taking out the trash about equally. We don't know how much he dislikes cleaning his room, since he's never done it.

15. What non-school book has your child most recently read?

"Excuses, Excuses — Or how to get out of doing practically everything," by Robert A. Myers.

16. What is his/her favorite family occasion?

Bidding farewell to sisters or parents leaving on trips.

17. What foods does your child like or dislike most?

Take one article entitled "Nutritious Dishes Your Child Will Love" and add a book entitled "Essential Foods for Adolescents." Next add a pinch of parental advice. Then set aside ingredients mentioned in all of the above and let sit. At the end of 24 hours they will still be there. He will eat anything else.

18. When does your child prefer to do homework: right after school, after supper, before bed, or in the morning before school?

None of the above. Rob prefers to do homework during classes.

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# Times power battle appears deadlocked

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — A power struggle over who runs *The Times* of London appeared deadlocked Saturday with the prize-winning editor, Harold Evans, refusing to quit after the paper's publisher, Australian press tycoon Rupert Murdoch, claimed Evans had agreed to resign.

The battle between two of the key figures in Britain's newspaper industry followed a day of turmoil and confusion at *The Times* only days after Murdoch withdrew a threat to close it and *The Sunday Times* following agreement by unions cut 430 of the newspaper's 2,600 employees. Murdoch originally asked for 600 layoffs.

One *Times* reporter, who asked not to be identified, said there is "open warfare" at the nation's most prestigious daily between Evans' supporters and critics.

The rival *Guardian* newspaper quoted a senior *Times* figure as saying the staff was "absolutely divided into two halves" over Murdoch's moves to oust Evans and replace him with deputy editor Charles Douglas-Home, 44.

Douglas-Home, a nephew of former Conservative Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, confirmed Murdoch has asked him to become editor of the 197-year-old newspaper. Murdoch said in a statement made in New York Friday and released here by Richard Seabury, chairman of Murdoch's News International Corporation, that Evans, 53, had agreed on terms for his resignation.

But Evans, one of Britain's most distinguished journalists, told reporters as he left *The Times* building early Saturday: "I'm the editor of the paper and I've been editing it tonight. I'll be coming in to edit it again Sunday morning." Asked about his future with *The Times*, Evans said: "God knows."

Murdoch's statement said he asked Evans to resign Tuesday, with the approval of the six independent national directors of the paper, appointed to Times Newspapers Ltd. to guarantee its editorial independence when Murdoch bought it and *The Sunday Times* a year ago from the Toronto-based Thomson Organization.

## Soviet denied Swedish visa

STOCKHOLM, March 13 (AFP) — Sweden's immigration authorities have refused to issue a visa to the Foreign Affairs Vice Minister for the Soviet Republic of Latvia, when he asked to accompany the Soviet Union's tennis team last weekend, daily newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* reported Saturday.

Nicolai Neljland, former Stockholm Bureau Chief for Soviet news agency Novosti, was to have been a tenant's translator. He was told that any further visa requests would also be "turned down." The Swedish immigration authorities did not give any reason why Neljland had been refused entry.

Ten months ago, another Soviet official, Georg Petrov, was also refused a visa. Petrov is employed in the Scandinavian section of the Foreign Trade Ministry in Moscow.

## Cuba implicated in drug traffic

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — The State Department charged Friday that Cuba had used a marijuana ring to smuggle arms into Colombia. Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state for Inter-American affairs, told a Senate hearing that a Colombian drug smuggler now in custody in Mexico, Jaime Guillo Laga, had admitted working for Havana in getting arms to the M-19 guerrilla group in Colombia.

In return, Cuba had helped Guillo with marijuana smuggling to the United States, Enders said. "This is the first firm information we have which implicates Cuba in the narcotics traffic," Enders said.

According to Enders' account, Guillo was permitted to use Cuban waters to shelter his "mother ships" while waiting to load vessels from the Bahamas and from Florida. A relative of Guillo reported that when Cuba detained one of the mother ships, Guillo won its release through a protest to the Cuban ambassador in Bogota, Enders said.

## Brigades man escapes arrest

ROME, March 13 (AFP) — The No. 2 man of Italy's terrorist group Red Brigades narrowly escaped capture here late Friday during a gunbattle with police who had recognized him. The battle caused panic in the crowded area, and a woman passer-by was slightly wounded in the car and check.

Remo Panelli, 37, backed up by an armed accomplice on a facing pavement, reportedly fired about 30 rounds toward police. The two men fled in a hail of police bullets, leaving two of their weapons and several documents behind.

Panelli — believed to be the "right arm" of Rome's Red Brigades leader Giovanni Senzani, who was arrested on Jan. 3 — is suspected of involvement in an attack at Christian-Democratic Party headquarters in 1980 that killed two persons, as well as the abduction of judge Giovanni d'Urso and the assassination of Carabinieri Gen. Enrico Galvaligi in December 1980.

## U.S. execution stayed

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13 (R) — Robert Harris, 28, convicted murderer of two youths, was granted a stay of execution Friday night less than 90 hours before he was to die in the gas chamber. Harris' execution time had been fixed for 10 a.m. (1700 GMT) on March 16 at San Quentin Prison, where the last execution was carried out in 1967. The U.S. court of appeals here delayed the execution for at least nine weeks soon after U.S. district judge William Enright, in San Diego, had refused a similar request.

He claimed Evans agreed and that since then he has been "negotiating the terms of his departure." Evans Friday night denied he had agreed to resign. "It's not an argument about money, as alleged," Evans said in a statement published by *The Times* on its front page Saturday. "It is and has been an argument about principle and the constitution of *The Times* as... laid before parliament."

*The Times* report still referred to Evans as the editor. He was appointed by Murdoch when he bought the papers. Evans was at that time editor of *The Sunday Times*. Murdoch once described Evans, who was voted "editor of the year" last year, as "the world's greatest editor."

Murdoch claimed in his statement: "At no point has there been any difference, stated or otherwise, between Mr. Evans and myself about the policy of the paper." But Anthony Holden, *The Times* feature editor and an Evans supporter, claimed in a radio interview Friday that Murdoch wanted Evans out "on political grounds."

Holden said: "Mr. Murdoch wants leaders (editorials) extremely right-wing on such issues as race in this country, domestic politics, the domestic economy and such important foreign issues as Poland and El Salvador." He warned that if Evans was ousted he would quit as well. "Mr. Murdoch wants a poodle as editor and I'm not going to work under a poodle," Holden declared. "If Harold goes... so will the *Times*' proud tradition of independence."

However, many of the paper's "old guard" favor Evans' removal and the appointment of Douglas-Home, widely regarded as a right-winger. *The Times*, once known as "the thunderer" for its support for political and social reform in the 19th century, generally backs the government of the day.

## Indian N-plant workers fear exposure to high radiation

NEW DELHI, March 13 (AFP) — Employees in nuclear power projects in India are exposed to high radiation in total disregard for rules and regulations, the labor union of the Rajasthan atomic power state has charged.

The union has charged the management with "playing with the lives of workers." *The Indian Express* reported Saturday.

The union alleged that proper protective measures were not adopted for workers who had already crossed the maximum permissible body burden (MPBB) limit of radiation. The union gave instances when workers with MPBB level were forced to work in high radiation and tritium fields.

"The internal uptake of radioactive substances is highly hazardous to human beings. Results of radiation hazards, however, do not surface overnight, so the union complaints cannot and should not be, treated lightly," the paper said.

The employees are helpless because they are not covered under normal factory acts, which would have allowed them to seek protection in labor courts... They are subjected to the worst exploitation under the veil of atomic secrecy and national interests," the paper said.

Tritium's danger lies in the fact that it has a life of about 12 years. An average reactor circulates about a million gallons of cooling water a day, which is discharged into rivers and lakes. Though the cooling water is generally decontaminated before discharge, some of the tritium entered the biosphere and drinking water supplies, the study said.

The *Express* disclosure followed the death of two children near the nuclear fuel complex in Hyderabad last week. The children had touched radioactive combustible scrap dumped outside the complex and were burned to death.



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## Ripper victim wins damages

LEEDS, England, March 13 (AP) — A 29-year-old woman who survived an attack by the Yorkshire Ripper, Britain's most notorious mass murderer, has won damages for the injuries she sustained when he tried to kill her Dec. 14, 1977. Richard Manning, Miss Moore's lawyer, said after a brief hearing in Leeds that the high court will determine how much she will receive later this month.

The Ripper, truck driver Peter Sutcliffe, was jailed for life last year for killing 13 women and trying to murder seven others in Leeds and other northern England cities between August, 1975, and November, 1980.

Manning said: "Sutcliffe did not appear at

the hearing. But his solicitor produced a letter saying that he consented to judgment being given against him." Last week a Leeds court awarded 6,722 pounds (\$12,234) to Irene MacDonald, mother of the Ripper's youngest victim, 16-year-old Jayne MacDonald, who was killed in Leeds June 26, 1977.

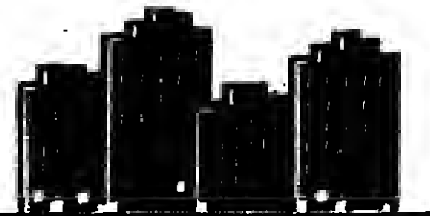
Manning said he will seek a similar amount. He noted that Sutcliffe's three-bedroom house in nearby Bradford "is worth something like 30,000 pounds (\$54,600), so there should be sufficient left to satisfy my client."

Miss Moore is the first of the Ripper's victims to seek damages, but others now are expected to do so.

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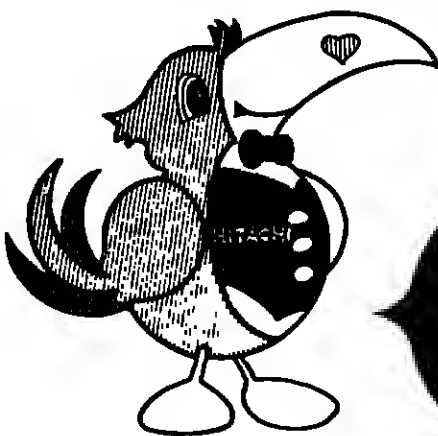
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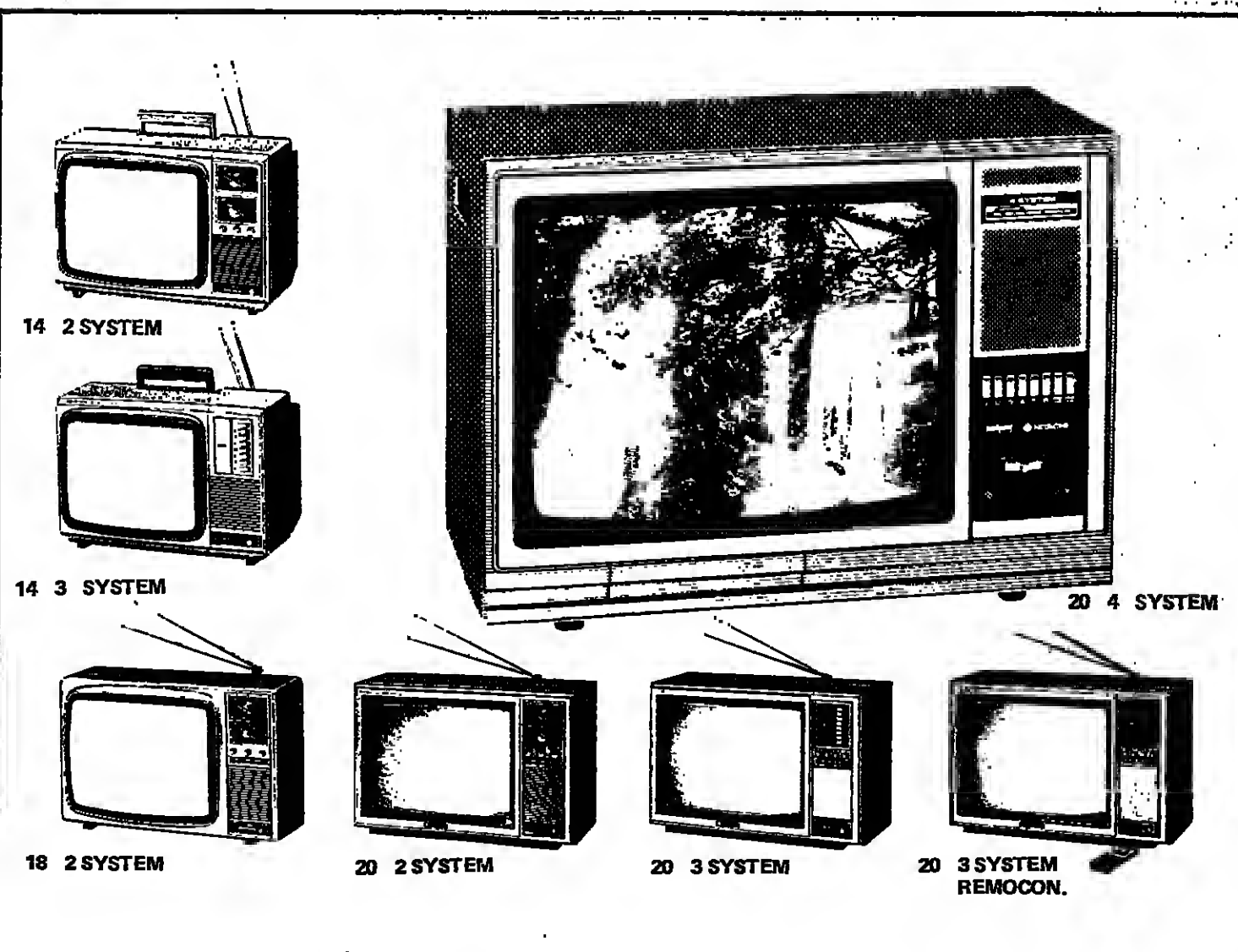
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## West aid to Poland rests on IMF accord

FRANKFURT, March 13 (R) — Western banks are unlikely to give Poland the fresh credit it badly needs unless it comes to some agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a spokesman for West Germany's largest bank has said.

Wilfried Guth, joint management board spokesman for the Deutsche Bank, told Reuters that Poland needed new loans to solve its economic crisis. "Experience shows that you need new credit to get an economy moving again. Mere rescheduling doesn't give any new instrument to move," he said.

Poland was negotiating to rejoin the IMF when martial law was declared last December and the fund sent team back to Warsaw this week.

Guth said that although it was unlikely that Poland would rejoin the fund under present circumstances, "agreeing on a stabilization

## CAB relents

### on fare issue

WASHINGTON, March 13 (R) — U.S. aviation authorities delayed a controversial order that would have forced domestic airlines to pull out of any fare-setting agreements on north Atlantic routes.

The decision by the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) involves agreements between airlines on fares and other conditions reached through the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The CAB held an investigation of IATA's practices two years ago and said that while domestic airlines could set fares with competitors throughout the world, they could not do so over the heavily travelled north Atlantic.

The CAB, under pressure from U.S. allies, suspended the order but said it would continue to do so only if there was progress in increasing the competitive climate of international air travel.

The CAB said it was delaying the order past next Monday's deadline because the European civil aviation conference was reported to be making progress toward an agreement giving airlines flexibility to fix prices in response to market demands.

program with the IMF will improve the chances (for Poland) getting fresh money."

Guth said that although the heightened risk associated with East European lending had made banks more cautious, he did not see this leading to harsh terms for rescheduling the Polish debt due to banks this year.

Banking sources in London said Friday that Western banks had tentatively set a new date to sign an agreement rescheduling \$2.4 billion of Polish debt due last year. The sources said the agreement was now expected to be signed April 6 in Frankfurt.

The agreement is conditional on Poland paying its 1981 interest and was due to have been signed early this month. But Poland failed to meet a self-imposed deadline to pay the sum.

Jan Woldszyn, first vice-president of the Polish Bank Handlowy, which handles repayment negotiations with Western bankers, told Reuters earlier this week that Poland still owed about \$30 million in 1981 interest. Western bankers said this sum was decreasing daily.

Poland owes about \$16 billion to Western banks and another \$10 billion to Western governments. A U.S. Treasury Department official said in London Friday that the United States would not discuss Poland's official debts to government due this year until it had fulfilled its commitments under the 1981 official rescheduling.

Marc Leland, U.S. treasury assistant secretary for international affairs, told a conference that Western governments had received somewhat less than half the 10 percent of principal and interest owed to them under the 1981 rescheduling agreement.

This amounted to more than \$100 million, he said. Western nations suspended negotiations in rescheduling Poland's 1982 official debts in January and blocked further loans in protest against martial law.

Leland said it might become advantageous to reschedule Poland's Official debts due this year if there is substantial flow of funds to the West. "A lot will depend on how much one is being paid back," he said.

In Washington, an official of the Agriculture Department said Saturday that Poland is making "an honest effort" to repay its debts over the purchase of American foodstuffs.

## Nigeria's oil sales to U.S. rise 4-fold

LAGOS, March 13 (AP) — Nigerian oil exports to the United States more than quadrupled in six years to 1980, business leader Chick Adeyemi Lawson announced here.

He told the inaugural meeting of the Nigeria-U.S. Business Council that the oil exports rose from about 900 million naira (\$589.4 million) in 1976 to 4 billion naira (\$2.6 billion) in 1980, the Nigerian news agency reported Friday.

The U.S. currently imports more than 40 percent of Nigerian crude and Nigeria represents the largest potential market for American exports, said Lawson, who is president of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture.

The new business council is expected to stimulate the flow of trade, investment capital and technology between the two countries, members said.

## Alien aid to India touches \$31.8b

NEW DELHI, March 13 (AP) — A foreign aid to India has totaled 286.5 billion rupees (\$31.8 billion) since its independence in 1947, Indian Finance Minister Pranab Kumar Mukherjee reported Friday.

The International Development Association, the soft-lending affiliate of the World Bank, extended the largest aid — 77.7 billion rupees (\$8.6 billion), Mukherjee told a questioner in the lower house.

The IDA was followed by the United States with 58.5 billion rupees (\$6.6 billion), Britain with 27 billion rupees (\$3 billion), The Soviet Union 19.3 billion rupees (\$2.1 billion), The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 18.6 billion rupees (\$2.07 billion), West Germany 15.6 billion rupees (\$1.7 billion), Canada 12.6 billion rupees (\$1.4 million) and Iran 10.5 billion rupees (\$1 billion) Mukherjee added.

The minister said although the Indian economy had become "progressively self-reliant," foreign aid still retained an important role in development.

## Analysts unsure if stocks hit rock bottom

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — It one chance upon a security analyst peering into the murky waters of the stock market these days, the odds are good he is looking for a bottom.

Whether the bottom being sought is in the market itself, is general economic conditions, the idea is to find the perfect moment to grab the telephone or the checkbook and start buying stocks.

Anyone who spots the precise low point holds an important key to profits in the recovery that presumably will follow. But finding that point is a tricky task until it has passed far enough into history to show up on the stock charts.

By then, the participants in this game are reduced to what in bridge is called "post-mortems," — observations that usually begin with phrases like "I should have" or "if only."

Still, there is always enough money at stake to draw a lot of takers for bottom-fishing expeditions. A few months ago, it was widely thought a turn in interest rates might signal the turning point.

But it hasn't worked out that way so far. "The bond market (where prices move inversely with rates) has risen sharply based largely upon the recognition that the economy, and hence, credit demand will be weaker, longer than previously expected," said Hugh Johnson, analyst at First Albany Corp.

"The stock market has declined for the same reason. The gold market (by its recent declines) is signaling that these two markets are right, hence our long-term outlook remains unchanged — positive for bond and negative for equities."

Now analysts are looking for signals in the market's behavior itself. For instance, they say, there could be a classic "washout" on heavy volume that would drain off the last of the major selling pressure. Or "bottom" could fall to take shape if investors began to shrug off bad news developments as they break. A climax of some sort appeared to be in the works last Monday, when the Dow Jones industrial average dropped below 800 for the first time in almost two years. But no panic selling followed, and in fact the market edged upward over the next three sessions before lapsing into a new decline Friday.

At week's end, the Dow Jones industrials were off 9.99 at 797.37. The New York stock exchange composite index dropped .62 to

62.52, and the American stock exchange market value index lost 5.74 to 244.94. Big Board Volume averaged 60.68 million shares a day, against the record pace of 65.76 million the week before.

As to whether the market, or individual stocks, might be growing immune to bad news, the signs, lately have not been propitious. In the past week, when Hooeywell, a major computer company, said sales and earnings for the current quarter would not meet expectations, Hooeywell shares tumbled 5 1/2 points, and other computer issues also sold off.

At F. F. Hurton, analysts Greg Smith and Fraenkel studied the behavior of 14 companies that recently produced disappoint-

ments over earnings. The stocks of all 14 dropped on the news, some of them quite sharply. "Lately clients have expressed in us their belief that much of the coming bad news is discounted. We're not so sure," they concluded.

T.J. Hilt, an investment adviser, conceded: "There is some justification in believing that the market is bottoming out."

"Characteristic of a major trough is widespread pessimism. And it's a fact that more and more Wall Street analysts now realize that the problems besetting the economy are far more severe and deep-rooted than they had thought only a few months ago. They are currently slashing earnings estimates of cost companies."

## U.S. business flays budget deficit

WASHINGTON, March 13 (APF) — A new U.S. business organization, the National Association of Manufacturers, has objected to the large planned budget deficit and the pressure it puts on interest rates.

The association, representing 1,200 industrial companies, issued a statement condemning the "crucial danger" of financing excessive government spending by raising interest rates "to levels that will put the economy back into recession in 1983."

The association said it will be necessary to bring about "further cuts in federal spending, particularly in social security, entitlements (individual benefit programs) and defense." But it refused to consider a delay in income tax cuts or an increase in company taxes.

Another important business organization, the Business Roundtable grouping heads of the 200 biggest U.S. firms, has publicly called on President Ronald Reagan to reduce government expenditure, including defense spending. It also favored tax measures to reduce the deficit.

Most American business organizations have taken a similar position on spending, but reject increased taxation. They have also generally reaffirmed their backing for the president's broad aims in economic policy.

A Roundtable delegation met the president Friday, and its president Clifton Garvin, who is also managing director of the Exxon oil giant, said "Reagan indicated he would think about the things we suggested."

Garvin said this concerned mainly a reduction in spending, and he added "it could be conceivable that's not enough."

## Iraq to invest in Greece

ATHENS, March 13 (APF) — The Iraqi government has decided to invest "large sums" in Greece to set up joint enterprises to exploit Greek bauxite reserves and to build an aluminum plant, officials here said.

An Iraqi delegation is scheduled to visit Greece to discuss bilateral economic cooperation, but the size of the Iraqi investment was not disclosed.



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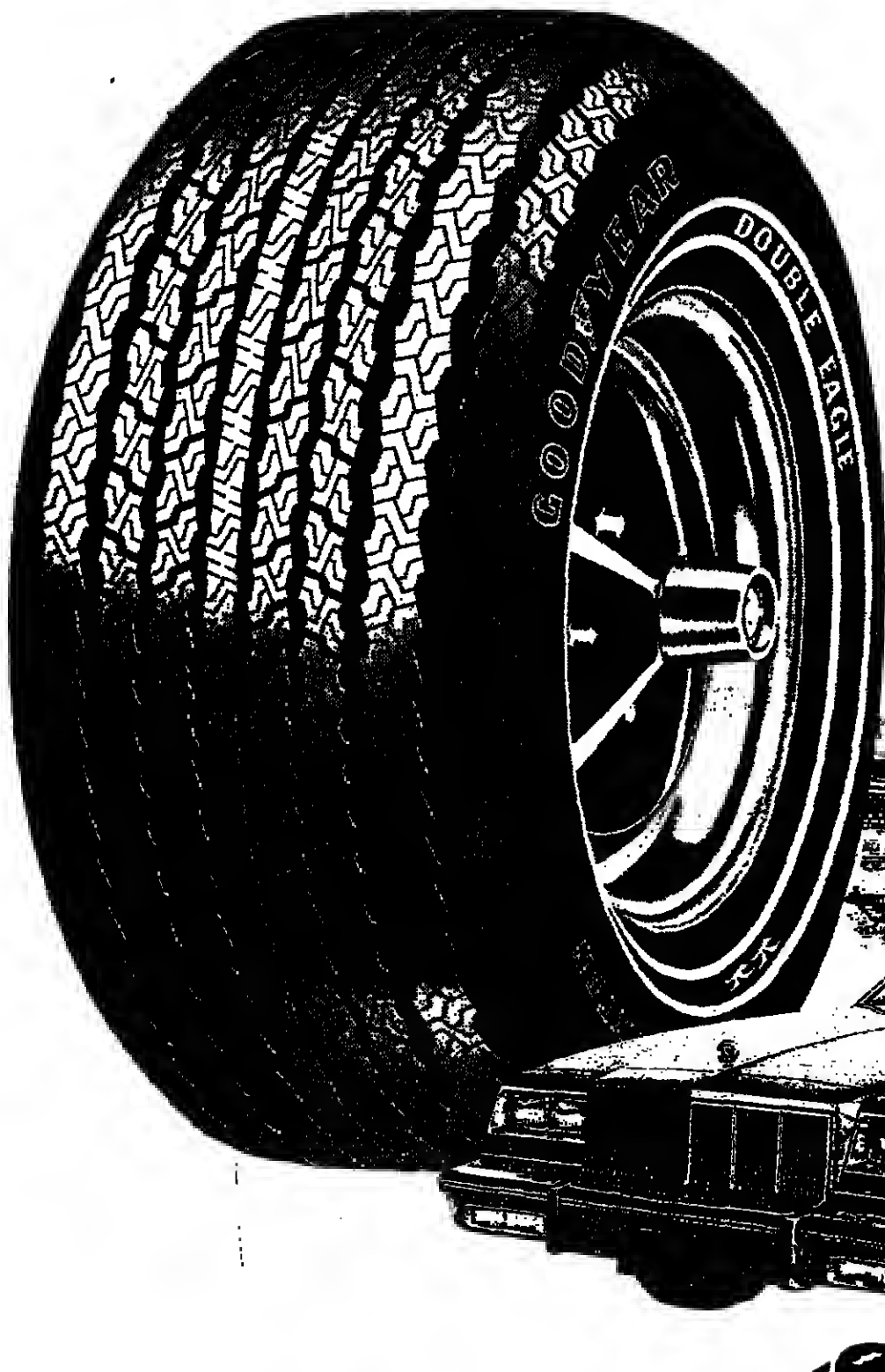
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With Republicans too opposing

# Reagan faces defeat over budget

WASHINGTON, March 13 (ONS) — It may seem callous but it no longer seems premature to question the future of an administration that is scarcely beyond its infancy. In the eyes of many, the Reagan presidency is beginning to unravel like an old pullover.

The agents of this unravelling are Reagan's obdurate defense of a budget strategy that has been scorned and rejected even by those whose enthusiasm swept him to office and an economic recession that is building to a full-blown depression.

While Reagan flew west last week in search of populist support at Republican fundraising functions, the bi-partisan consensus on Capitol Hill that the deficits projected by the administration for the coming years will destroy any hope of economic recovery was being cemented in the numerous committees that are mulling over the federal budget.

The word from California, where at the Rancho del Cielo this weekend Reagan is enhancing his reputation for being the most relaxed president in American history, is that the president is 'dug in' behind his proposals; that there will be no retreat from his tax cuts; that not a cent will be struck off the burgeoning defense estimates; and that deficits — once evidence of Democratic squander-mania, and now about to go through the roof — are a 'necessary evil'.

It is an economic game-plan that will keep interest rates at their present inhibiting levels, aborting any chance of more than a momentary recovery later this year. The chorus of opposition this week included the chief executives of 200 major corporations, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the bankers and savings organizations.

A powerful group of the latter took whole page advertisements on Wednesday to

address an open letter to Reagan in which they wrote: 'More than anything else, it is the specter of an overwhelming volume of deficit financing which haunts housing and financial markets and poses the threat of economic and financial conditions not seen since the 1930s.'

The car industry has just reported its worst month for 20 years; news comes almost daily of another airline in trouble — Braniff could only afford to pay their staff half wages this week; there is a genuine fear that a savings and loan organization may collapse; personal and business bankruptcies are running at record levels; unemployment figures on Friday showed another rise toward a new post-war high.

Little wonder that Capitol Hill Republicans, fearing a massacre in the mid-term November elections, are as eager to stitch together an alternative budget as are the Democrats. If Reagan doesn't compromise, his budget would simply be torn up and a congressional version attached to the debt

## Japan exports suffer setback

TOKYO, March 13 (AFP) — The Japanese economy, heretofore protected from world recession, now has cause to worry: The economic planning agency has announced a negative growth rate of 0.9 percent in the final quarter of last year, the first decline in any quarter for seven years.

The fall followed a 1.2 percent rise in the third quarter. The government now admits that the target of 4.1 percent growth in the gross national product (GNP) for fiscal 1981 will not be attained, and that the result will be nearer three percent. Exports started to run out of steam around last November.

Meanwhile, the home market lacks vigor. Sales abroad dropped 4.3 percent in the final

quarter of 1981. Cars, steel, video recorders, cameras and watches were among items affected. In view of the business climate internationally, export prospects are far from bright. For example it is now regarded as certain that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will ask Japanese car shipments to be brought down to last year's level.

Electronics are suffering battle fatigue, too, with sales of high fidelity systems since October showing a 20 to 30 percent drop compared with a year earlier. Pioneer irio have all cut production.

The video recorder, the Japanese star in exports last year with 7,350,000 units sold, is down as well abroad early this year. January exports were down 250,000 from a year earlier. An executive of the Victor Company, one of the initial producers, said the firm was "carefully reviewing strategy."

Exports of color television sets have also declined compared with the same period last year.

The Japan watch and clock and camera international market is close to saturation point. Canon, Nikon and other camera firms are encountering sales resistance. They are moving into the video field.

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## Vauxhall incurs loss of \$103m

LONDON, March 13 (AFP) — Vauxhall the British affiliate of the U.S. auto giant General Motors, ended last year with a net loss of \$103 million, the firm has announced here.

But new Vauxhall President John Fleming said the loss was 26 million pounds (\$47 million) less than the firm's record loss in 1980, and added, that its performance would improve "significantly" in coming years. Vauxhall has ended with an annual profit only once in the last 10 years.

Fleming saw an improvement resulting from draconian rationalization measures taken last year, including the laying off of nearly a third of the firm's 29,000-strong workforce.

Vauxhall's share of the British market has recovered from 8.5 percent last year to 11 percent now.

In the United States, meanwhile, the workers of GM are expected to agree for less pay in return for guaranteed employment.

## Oil crisis seen by end of decade

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — Despite a glut in oil supplies and a drop in fuel prices, the world must expect a new energy crisis before the decade is over, a report by a conservative research institute has said.

The book-size, two-year study by Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies was sharply critical of almost every aspect of the Reagan administration's energy policies despite the center's close ties to the administration.

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## Financial Roundup

### Dollar rates forge ahead

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 13 — The dollar closed the week on a strong note. The release of the U.S. weekly money supply figures boosted Eurodollar deposit rates by between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in most tenors, taking the one month rate to 14 15/16-15 1/16 percent levels, while the one-year rate closed at 15-15 1/8 percent in New York.

The U.S. money supply figures showed a \$3.4 billion rise in the M1 measurement which offset the \$3.0 billion fall registered in the previous Friday closing. The rise was more than had been anticipated by the money markets, and triggered some nervous reassessment of long-term dollar interest rate trends, for the increase in money supply leaves an aggregate \$4.5 billion above the Federal Reserve's annual target of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 percent. The money markets feel that the "Fed" will continue with its tight monetary policy for some time to come. "Fed funds" closed at 14 3/4 percent in New York on Friday night, for the second consecutive day running.

In the bullion markets, gold closed at the lowest level yet — at \$315 an ounce, after trading at \$319 earlier in the day in Europe. With such a nervous and erratic market, bullion dealers are fearful of more gold price falls next week.

In the Exchange markets, the Japanese yen came under pressure to trade at 239.80

to the dollar, compared to 236.50 earlier Wednesday. The British pound fell to the levels seen last October, when it stood at 1.7980 at one stage but closed at 1.8000 in New York on Friday night. The markets were discounting for the British Commercial Bank base lending rate cuts of 1/2 percent Thursday, which takes the new base to 13 percent.

In other currency news, the German mark fell to 2.3780 levels despite some moderate Bundesbank support Friday, while the French franc hovered at the 6.10 level to close the week at 6.0975 in New York. Even the traditionally strong Swiss franc was affected by the dollar's advance and it closed the week at 1.8780 compared with 1.8650 on Thursday.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates remained fairly stable Saturday, with quotes ranging from 3.4198-08 to 3.4195-05 in some dull trading, especially on inter-bank transactions but with more activity reported on commercial deals. The money markets were more active, with rial rate standing at firmer levels compared with a week ago. The one-month JIBOR level is now quoted at 12-13 1/2 percent compared with 12-12 1/2 percent a week ago, while the week-fixed rates have gone up to 13-14 percent compared with 12-13 percent Wednesday. In the longer tenors, the one-year rate closed at 12 7/8-13 1/8 percent levels.

## ITC to review tin situation

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — The International Tin Council called on its 29 members to meet in London next week to consider the world tin situation in the light of recent buffer stock purchases.

Sources close to the council said the meeting, to take place March 19, could consider introducing export controls, these are export quotas. Under the 5th international tin agreement, the council can order the introduction of export controls if its buffer stock holds at least 5,000 metric tons of tin.

Dealers reported the buffer stock had been very active in the market since the council last met in special session Monday to Tuesday this week.

Dealers were also of the opinion that the buffer stock could have soaked up as much as 15,000 metric tons of tin metal in the last three days. It again could mean that it now holds around 20,000 metric tons of tin or perhaps more.

Early this week the buffer stock called up

## BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — French External Trade Minister Michel Jobert goes to Japan for a four-day visit Monday to pave the way for the trip of President Francois Mitterrand to Tokyo next month. In talks with top government members including Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki, Jobert will focus on France's soaring trade deficit with Tokyo.

PARIS (AFP) — The French group Varsano and the Italian group Jucuzzi, both leaders in the sugar market, struck an accord to become joint majority shareholders in the Italian group Comet.

DAR-ES-SALAAM (AFP) — Tanzania had exported cotton worth more than 345 million shillings (\$34.5 million) in foreign exchange by the end of last month, an increase of 50 percent on the 1980-81 export sales. General manager of the Tanzania Cotton Authority (TCA) M. S. Mdope, quoted by the news agency Shinhua, said that his organization could have exported more, but was bogged down by multiple problems.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	—	282.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.50	144.10	144.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.25	131.85	131.85
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	—
French Franc (100)	56.50	56.15	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	56.10	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.80	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel (100)	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.10	26.80	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.40	—
Jordanian Dinar	10.00	9.84	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.05	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.50	71.30	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	59.90	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	30.90	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.55	—
Pound Sterling	6.25	6.18	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	168.00	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	32.90	32.70	—
Swiss Franc (100)	183.00	182.50	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	58.00	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
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## In Inverrary Classic

## Proben outwits fancied golfers

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 13 (Agencies) — Outsider Bob Proben produced the best round of his career to take the first day lead in the storm-delayed Honda-Inverrary Golf Classic here Friday.

The 27-year-old American completed a spectacular eight-under-par 64 to go one stroke clear of defending champion Tom Kite and Hale Irwin.

Kite, a playoff winner at Bay Hill last Monday and the defending titleholder here, and two-time U.S. Open champ Hale Irwin matched 65s in the ideal playing conditions. "It was a post-card day to play golf," Kite said. Irwin agreed. He called it "a sitting-duck day."

"In these kind of conditions, and with the quality of the field here, if you don't shoot in the 60s you're going to be well back in the field," Irwin said. And that's the position in which Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson found themselves. Watson, a winner his last time out, could do no better than a 71 in the hot, muggy weather.

Nicklaus, a playoff loser to Kite Monday and in contention in every previous start this

season, had a struggling 73, 1-over par on the Inverrary Club Course that has yielded him three victories. This time, however, he faces the need for improvement Saturday if he is to qualify for Sunday's double round, 36-hole windup, which was set up when Thursday's play was rained out. The heavy rains left the course in superb condition, with the greens soft and yielding. An additional benefit to the international field of 144 was the absence — particularly in the morning — of the typical Florida winds, an absence that robbed the course of its natural defeos and produced some of the lowest scoring of the year.

George Burns, using a new set of irons for the first time and nursing an ailing back and wrist, produced a 66 that left him two shots back of the surprise leader. U.S. Open champion David Graham of Australia was another stroke back at 67.

The big group at 68 was topped by 1981 players of the year Bill Rogers, Andy Bean, Ray Floyd, Seve Ballesteros of Spain and Isao Aoki of Japan.

Proben, one of the first men off the tee, caught the course at its easiest — "probably four or five shots easier than it usually plays,"

he said. "There was hardly any wind and with the soft greens the course became a dart-board. You could throw everything at the hole." He played his first nine in 33, then birdied five of his last six holes, including the last four. He capped it with the 40-foot chip-in that left him in sole control of the lead.

Meanwhile, Chen Tse Ming of Taiwan captured the lead of the \$100,000 Thailand Open with a five-under-par 67 for a two-day total of 138.

One stroke behind on 139 was Thailand's Sukree Onsham who turned in a three-under-par 69 on the 7,023-yard, par 72 Thai Army Club course in Bangkok.

In California, Donna White shot a 5-under-par 68 to take the lead after two rounds in the Olympia Gold Women's tournament. White had carded an opening 73 and her 141 total gave her a three-stroke lead over Janet Coles and Robin Walton midway through the 72-hole event.

Coles, the first day's leader with a 70, had a second-round 74. Walton, a young player who never finished higher than 20th in a Ladies Professional Golf Association event, had a 68.

## Gus Williams' timely strike

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — Gus Williams scored 30 points — including a 20-foot jump shot at the buzzer, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 112-110 National Basketball Association victory over the Milwaukee Bucks Friday night.

Seattle hit the front and went into the second quarter with a two points lead. But the advantage was nullified by Milwaukee as the teams tied 59-59 at half-time. The interval seemed to do wonders for the Bucks as they surged to a 92-84 lead by the end of the third period. But in the decisive period the SuperSonics neutralized the eight-point lead and Williams sank the timely basket to down the Bucks. Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 113, New Jersey 109; Chicago 111, Los Angeles 105; Washington 107, Indiana 105.

Chicago recorded its third straight impressive victory when it trimmed Los Angeles. Artis Gilmore scored 25 points and David Greenwood triggered a third-quarter Bulls' explosion.

Cedric Maxwell scored a three-point play with less than two minutes left to lead the Celtics past the Nets.

## As Edgar slams unbeaten ton Kiwis defy Aussie attack

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 13 (Agencies) — New Zealand opener Bruce Edgar defied the Australian bowlers with an unbeaten century on the second day of the second cricket Test at Eden Park here on Saturday.

Edgar reached 103 not out when bad light stopped play half an hour before the close on what had been a grim day for Australia. The bowlers did not have a single success on the day as New Zealand consolidated from a shaky overnight position of 35 for two to reach 241 for three in reply to Australia's first innings total of 210.

The only wicket to fall during the day was that of captain Geoff Howarth, who was run out for 56. In any case the decision by umpire Bruce Bricknell was a controversial one as television replays indicated that Howarth had made his ground.

Edgar is a gritty customer who kept out the Australian attack for more than six and a half hours in the first Test in Wellington when he made 55 in New Zealand's only innings. On Saturday Edgar was in similar mood at the start, gathering just seven runs in the first 100 minutes.

But then he began to open out and as the bowlers toiled without reward on a benign

wicket Edgar collected 13 boundaries on the way to this third Test century. He looked almost certain to be left on 96 when rain began falling after tea, but after a break of nearly an hour the rain eased and the clouds lifted sufficiently for a restart.

The ten minutes before the light closed in again was sufficient for Edgar to reach three figures as he clipped Terry Alderman handsomely off his toes to the backward square leg boundary.

Edgar faced 275 balls in just over five and a half hours, and he shared in two partnerships of 87 with his captain Geoff Howarth (56) and 119 with Jeremy Coney (55 not out).

## Score-board

Australia (1st innings)	210
New Zealand (1st innings)	35
B. Edgar batting	103
J. Coney batting	55
J. Howarth run out	56
J. Coney batting	55
Extras	12
Total (for 3 wickets)	241
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-35, 3-122	
Bowling: Lillies 21-5-60-2, Thompson 10-5-44-0, Alderman 10-2-27-0, Yardley 33-11-83-0, Chappell 5-2-3-0, Border 3-0-11-0	

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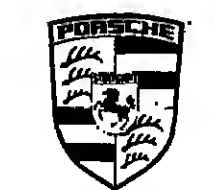
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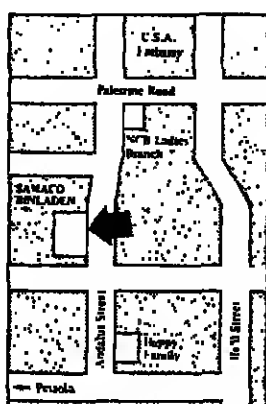
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## East German dives to glory

MOSCOW, March 13 (AFP) — Olympic highboard champion Falk Hoffman of East Germany won the three meters springboard diving competition, which took place alongside the USSR — East Germany Swimming International here Friday.

Hoffman, totaled 687.51 points to finish ahead of two Soviets. European champion Alexander Portnov (661.68) and Sergei Gelanov (653.64).

The women's three meters springboard was won by Irina Sirodova of the Soviet Union (492), ahead of East German Kristina Baldusmgz (487.23) and compatriot Elena Korolkova (481.20).

The European 100 m freestyle record smashed by Jorg of East Germany, whose time of 49.95 broke the 50 seconds barrier and took him within 60 hundredths of a second of American Rowdy Gaines' 49.36 world

record registered in Austin last year.

The time was the third best world time ever and it was the fourth occasion he had improved on the European record which he made his own in Magdeburg in May 1980, when his speed was 50.55.

Salnikov, who smashed the 400-meter freestyle record also holds the world 800 meter record with a time of 7:52.83, said after his record-breaking swim: "I gave it everything in the last 50 meters and that was it. Saturday I will adopt the same tactics in the 1,500 meters."

The Soviet swimmers generally dominated in the men's events here Friday, but the Germans were much the more successful in the women's races. They took first two places in the medley, 200 meters breast stroke and 800 meter freestyle and the first three places in the 100 meters freestyle. East Germany are leading by 65 points to 55 after the first day.

## BRIEFS

EDMONTON, (AP) — Buffalo Sabres, backed by the stroog goaltending of Don Edwards, handed Edmonton Oilers their fourth straight defeat with a 3-2 victory in the lone National Hockey League game Friday night.

ARCADIA, California, (AFP) — Panamanian jockey Laffit Pincay has received suspensions on two successive days

from the race committee at the Santa Anita Race course at Arcadia near Los Angeles. He received a five-day suspension for illegal riding on English horse Parsult in the Santa Anita Handicap last Sunday, and was given another five day suspension for not keeping his line at the start of a race the day before.

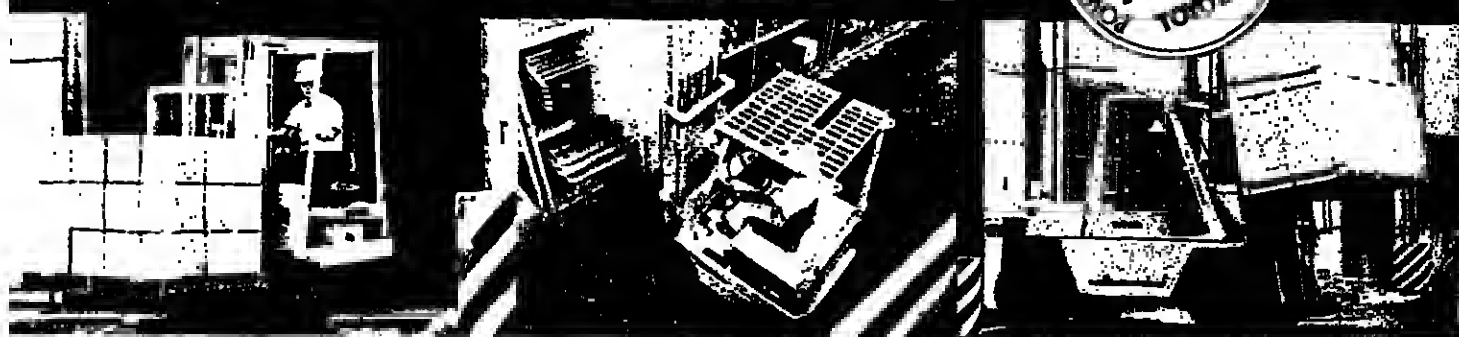
ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, (AFP) — Cameroun middleweight Jean Marie Emebe makes his United States debut when the fights local boxer Ralph Moncrief here on March 2 in a curtain-raiser to the World Boxing Association (WBA) light-welterweight title contest between champion Aaron Pryor of the United States and Miguel Montilla of the Dominican Republic.

VALERMO, Sicily, (AFP) — French ace Jean-Claude Andruet driving a Ferrari 308 GTB led 86 crews out of Palermo Thursday night on the first stage of the 1,000 kms 'Tara Florio' European Championship Rally.

PARIS, (AFP) — Italy's former world champion Giacomo Agostini is to return to Grand Prix Motorcycling as the director of a new Marlboro-Agostini-Yamaha team.

LONDON, (AFP) — The 100 kms World Championship Eodurance Race scheduled for Brands Hatch on Sunday has been canceled because of lack of interest. Only 14 entries were received by organizers.

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## In English League Cup final

## Whelan steers Liverpool to dramatic win

WEMBLEY, March 13 (AP) — Ronnie Whelan playing at Wembley Stadium for the first time, Saturday scored twice to steer Liverpool to a dramatic 3-1 extra-time victory over Tottenham Hotspur in the English League Cup Soccer final.

Steve Archibald gave Tottenham the lead after 11 minutes and the north London club led till the 87th minute when Whelan clipped an equalizer in force the match into 30 minutes of overtime.

Whelan scored the winner with just nine minutes of the extra-time remaining. Argentine international Oswaldo Ardiles gave the ball away in midfield and Kenny Dalglish set up a chance that Whelan took with clinical efficiency. Ian Rush scored a third goal with 15 seconds remaining as Liverpool's superior stamina told.

Liverpool won the trophy for the second straight year. The match was watched by a sellout crowd of 100,000 that paid a League Cup record of 720,000 pounds at the gate.

Liverpool's remarkable comeback ended Tottenham's hopes of winning the League Cup for the first time since 1973. It also wrecked the London team's ambition of winning four trophies in the same season.

Tottenham also suffered its first ever defeat at Wembley. Ray Clemence, the Tottenham goalkeeper, shutout his former Liverpool teammates for 87 minutes but as the team's midfield crumbled, Clemence could do nothing to stop the three Liverpool goals.

Liverpool had much the better of the first

half, but missed several chances. The Merseysiders forced two corners in the first four minutes. Whelan heading just wide from the second.

Then, against the run of play, Tottenham scored. In the 11th minute Archibald received the ball from Glenn Hoddle, twisted past the challenge of Mark Lawrenson, and tucked the ball superbly past Zimbabwe international Bruce Grobbelaar. It was a piece of superb finishing.

Argentine star Ardiles kept Tottenham's midfield alive, helping out his defense and prompting most of his team's attacks. But it was Clemence who was by far the busier of the two goalkeepers. He saved brilliantly from a Sammy Lee header after 26 minutes and saw several other Liverpool chances flash either past or over the target.

Liverpool's best first half chance came after 24 minutes when striker Rush missed a simple chance from 5-meters out after a mistake by Tottenham's young midfielder Mike

Hazard. Apart from its goal, Tottenham's best opportunity in the first 45 minutes came four minutes from half time when striker Garth Crooks shot just wide after getting the ball from Archibald.

In the second half Liverpool carried on in the same vein, attacking Spurs at every opportunity. But their finishing still left much to be desired and Tottenham had the best early chance of the match, Hazard shooting straight at Grobbelaar after a fine buildup.

Meanwhile, leaders Southampton suffered another jolt in its bid for the English Division One title when it was held to a goalless draw by West Bromwich. But Southampton, who crashed 2-0 to struggling Sunderland on Wednesday, stayed at the top despite the deadlock against a West Bromwich side, who are 16th in the 22-team division.

The leaders have 55 points from 31 games, two more than Swansea, who remained second with two matches in hand after a 0-0 home draw with Coventry. Manchester

United, without a fixture, are still third on 50 points, while Arsenal moved firmly into the championship battle with a 1-0 win over Ipswich. An 11th minute goal by Stewart Robson toppled Ipswich and lifted the London club from eighth to fourth on 49 points with three matches in hand over Southampton. Ipswich slipped two places to seventh on 47 points but they have played five games fewer than the leaders.

Manchester City are level on 48 points with Liverpool but stay sixth with an inferior goal difference after a draw against Nottingham Forest. Defender Tommy Caton celebrated his 100th league appearance by putting City ahead just before half-time, but the former European champions equalized through Peter Ward six minutes from time.

League champions Aston Villa warmed up for next week's European Cup quarterfinal clash against Dynamo Kiev of the Soviet Union when they beat Wolverhampton 3-1.

## English soccer results

English League Cup	
Division One	
Liverpool	3 Tottenham
Arsenal	1 Ipswich
Aston Villa	3 Wolverhampton
Birmingham	2 Stoke
Everton	2 Middlesbrough
Nottingham Forest	1 Manchester City
Southampton	0 West Bromwich
Sunderland	0 Leeds
Swansea	0 Coventry
West Ham	1 Notts County
Division Two	
Blackburn	2 Grimsby

English League Cup	
Division Two	
Cambridge	2 Bolton
Derby	4 Crystal Palace
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English League Cup	
Division Two	
Bristol City	0 Lincoln
Cheltenham	0 Plymouth
Fulham	1 Burnley
Huddersfield	0 Bristol Rovers
Oxford	0 Southend
Preston	1 Exeter
Walsall	1 Carlisle
Wimbledon	0 Reading
Newport	1 Portsmouth
Doncaster	0 Swindon
Gillingham	1 Millwall
Bury	2 Bournemouth



Ray Clemence...pressure proved too much.

## Cameroun, Tunisia make exit

TRIPOLI, March 13 (R) — World Cup finalists Cameroun bowed out of the African Nations' Soccer Championship when they were held to a goalless draw by Libya in their final preliminary Group Two match here Friday night.

It was no more than they deserved after showing none of the form which had earned them a trip to Spain for the World Cup finals. They drew their three matches and managed only one goal.

Tunisia were also sent tumbling out of the competition when they were beaten 1-0 by Ghana, three-time winners of the championship. Schoolboy John Essien, making his debut on the right wing, scored the only goal in the 29th minute, heading home from Abbe Koffi's corner.

Libya and Ghana have qualified for the semifinals from Group One. Algeria, the other African qualifiers for the World Cup, have already made sure of a place in the last four by winning their first two Group Two games in Benghazi, east of here. Nigeria, the African champions, need at least a point from their match against Zambia to join Algeria in next week's semifinals.

Cameroun, who travelled to this desert capital with high hopes of making an impressive start to their preparations for Spain, played slightly better than they did in their 1-1 draw against Tunisia and goalless draw with Ghana. But still did not deserve more than a share of the spoils, Friday.

Their defence was a little steadier, with Emmanuel Kunde and Ephrem Mbom featuring prominently. But they had little to offer in midfield and up front.

## Outsiders to the fore

PONTIAC, Michigan, March 13 (AFP) — Kamau of Kenya and Norway's Tore Johnsen pocketed two of the titles on the first day of the United States University Indoor Athletics Championship Friday.

Texas university student Kamau, 19, who is studying at El Paso, won the three miles (4,828 meters) in an excellent time. His compatriot Yoxex Vndieki finished second while American Pat Vaughan stood third.

Johnsen, who is also at El Paso, threw the hammer 21 meters 42 with fellow Norwegian Richard Olsen in second place with 20 meters 76.

## Barazutti extends Smid

MUNICH, West Germany, March 13 (AFP) — South Africa's Johan Kriek was the first player to qualify for the semifinals of the Munich World Championship Tennis Tournament when he beat India's Vijay Amritraj here Friday.

Amritraj put up little resistance in the first set, taking only one game, but matched the South African game for game in the second set, forcing a tiebreaker. Kriek came out on top in the tiebreak to win the match 6-1, 7-6.

Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia also progressed to the semifinals after a long battle against Italian veteran Corrado Barazutti. Smid eventually won 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

In the later match, Switzerland's Heinz Guenthardt easily triumphed over Fibak 6-1, 6-4. The 29-year-old Polish has been off form recently following the declaration of martial law in his homeland last December, an act he himself says has affected his mood and his play.

In another quarterfinal, top seed Ivan Lendl swept past American Terry Moor 6-0, 6-3 to go forward and meet Kriek in Saturday's semis.

Ivan Lendl and his partner Wojtek Fibak later beat the Swiss-American pair Heinz Guenthardt and Peter Rennett to advance to the men's doubles semifinals.

The Eastern European pair won their quarterfinal match 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. They will face Sandy Mayer and Frew McMillan, winners of their quarterfinal match against American team Mike Cahill and Terry Moor, in the semi-finals. Mayer and McMillan won 6-0, 7-5.

Meanwhile, Kate Latham upset eighth-seeded Mary Lou Piatek 1-6, 6-4, 6-1 Friday to advance in the semifinals of the \$200,000 Avon Championships of Dallas Tennis Tournament.

Latham, a 29-year-old American, was too consistent for her compatriot and will now meet top-seeded Martina Navratilova in the last four stage. Martina had a tough passage into the semifinals, when she was fully extended by Australian Wendy Turnbull for her 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 victory.

The other semifinal will feature Sabina

## Steve triumphs in Giant Slalom

JASNA, Czechoslovakia, March 13 (AFP) — Steve Mahre proved his world championship title this year was no accident when he swept to victory in the men's World Cup Giant Slalom here Saturday.

Mahre was followed by Austria's Haos Enn with 2:15.10. Twin brother Phil placed third with 2:15.21.

Stenmark, who appears unable to retain the title which earned him four successive Slalom wins in January, finished a poor sixth. He skied badly over the first run — a short course ill-suited to his style — and could only place fourth in the second longer run.

Steve, who had just recovered from a ligament operation earlier this month, said he only began training for Saturday's race on Wednesday.

## S. Africans amass big total

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 13 (Agencies) — Graham Gooch's touring English XI scored 38 for no wicket before breaking for tea Saturday, second day of the four-day unofficial Test against South Africa Saturday.

The South Africans had declared at 400 for seven just after lunch. Gooch was 30 not out at the break, while Geoff Boycott was five not out, with three extras.

The South Africans lost five quick wickets. Saturday, as England's touring XI tightened both fielding and bowling leaving the home team at 351 for six at lunch.

Leicestershire seamer Les Taylor grabbed three wickets in the first 45 minutes of play as South Africa continued their first innings on the second day. The South Africans had taken England apart for a fine 277 for one wicket Thursday. Peter Kirsten was the first to go, adding only one run to his overnight 87 before being caught by Graham Gooch.

Then Cook was caught by Gooch after failing to add to his 114. Clive Rice got just one run in before he touched a Taylor delivery that was caught by wicketkeeper Alan Knott.

## Sardar nets six in a row

KARACHI, March 13 (Agencies) — Center-forward Hasan Sardar scored a double hat-trick, six goals in a row, to lead Pakistan to a 10-1 victory over China in the first-ever Asian Cup (field) Hockey Tournament here Saturday. The score at half-time was 6-0. The other scorers for Pakistan were full back Manzoorul Hasan (2) and inside left Saeed (2).

China's lone goal came of a penalty stroke from Ying, barely four minutes from the final whistle.

In the other match of the day, India improved their tally here with an impressive 12-0 victory over Singapore. At the end of the second day, Pakistan and India were heading the points table, with Pakistan having an edge with a superior goal difference.

Pakistan to tackle Sri Lanka sans rebels

KARACHI, Pakistan, March 13 (AP) — Pakistan's cricket crisis, which appeared to have been resolved late Friday, resurfaced again Saturday when seven rebel superstar players said they would not play under the captaincy of Javed Miandad.

But the Pakistan Board of Cricket Control announced here that it would go ahead in the Faisalabad Test against Sri Lanka, that starts Sunday, without them.

On Friday, the Board of Cricket Control said it would include players Majid Khan, Zaheer Abbas, Imran Khan and Mudassar Nazar in the 15-member team for the second match, leaving out three rebel players — Sikandar Bakht, Wasim Bari and Sarfaraz Nawaz.

But on Saturday morning, team leader Majid Khan told manager Intikhab Alam that the Cricket Board provide a written guarantee to drop Miandad as captain.

The Board of Cricket Control announced Saturday that the selection committee, headed by former Test cricketer Maqsood Ahmed, was asked to play the second Test match against Sri Lanka without the seven dissident players.

Goonch refused to speak to the press after Thursday's play while his counterpart was well satisfied with his team's performance.

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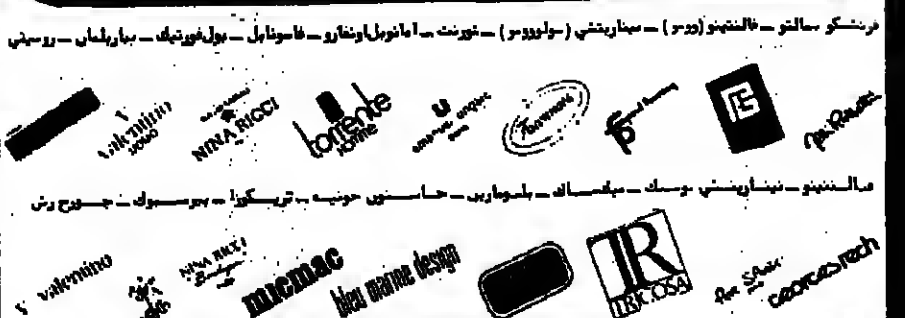
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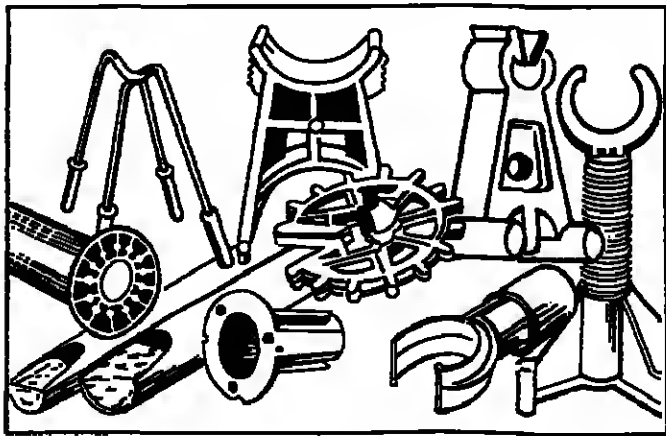
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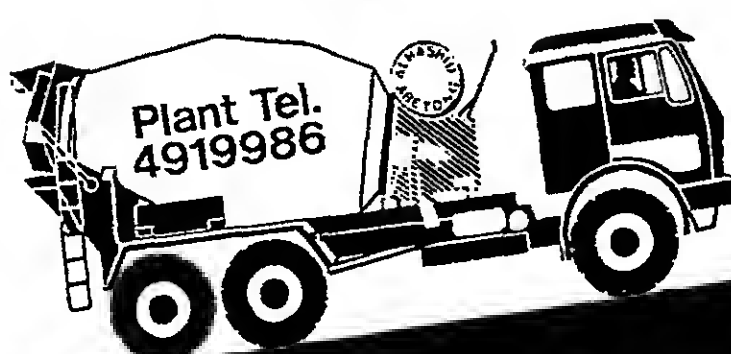
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International

# Captured Nicaraguan embarrasses U.S.

## Asserts Cuba uninvolved in Salvador

WASHINGTON, March 13 (Agencies) — A Nicaraguan soldier captured in El Salvador has embarrassed the Reagan administration by saying he knows of no Cuban or other foreign forces helping Salvadoran left-wing guerrillas. The administration, trying to win support for its Latin American policies, has increased U.S. aid to El Salvador's junta hating the insurgents, but many Congressmen are skeptical.

Nineteen-year-old Jose Tardencilla Espinosa stunned at State Department press conference Friday when he told reporters that he went to El Salvador as a volunteer and received no orders from the Nicaraguan Army. He said he was tortured in El Salvador.

As evidence of torture, the young man showed a scar behind his ear. He said it was from an operation to remove a blood clot in

his brain after he was beaten. He said his account would earn him harsh treatment when he was taken back to prison in El Salvador. "I know what awaits me now. I am a revolutionary and one of the risks of being a revolutionary is death." He predicted he would face a "rigged trial".

State Department officials had expected him to say, as he did when captured in El Salvador, that he was trained in Ethiopia and Cuba and went in under orders from Nicaragua. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the department knew it was taking a chance when it arranged the conference. "Obviously he has either lied to his interviewers and the public or he lied to the press today," he said.

In Nicaragua, Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto demanded the immediate handing over of Tardencilla to the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington for repatriation. The minister told reporters he had sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig placing all responsibility for the prisoner's well-being with the U.S. government. He said Tardencilla should not be returned to El Salvador as that would mean certain death.

To win public approval of El Salvador's

March 28 election, which the leftists are boycotting, the Reagan administration has been trying to prove that the guerrillas are manipulated by Marxists outside the country.

Tardencilla said he was brought to the United States by two Salvadoran Army officers in an effort to prove the presence of foreign forces in El Salvador. "They gave me an option," he said through an interpreter. "They said I could come here and do what I'm doing (answering questions) or face certain death. I, however, am telling the truth."

In San Salvador, El Salvador's President

Guerrilla freed

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — The United States has turned over to Nicaragua Orlando Jose Tardencilla Espinosa, the captured guerrilla fighter who embarrassed the Reagan administration. He may already be on his way back to Nicaragua, though that could not be immediately confirmed.

He was returned at his request (to the Nicaraguan Embassy) last night, a State Department official said.

## Former lieutenant escapes

# Surinam troops execute rebel leader

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, March 13 (AP) — Government troops executed one leader of an aborted coup and hunted for the other Saturday after crushing an attempt by rightists to overthrow the left-leaning strongman of this tiny nation on South America's northern coast.

At a parade outside the military barracks where loyal troops routed rebels, the government announced that a captured rebel leader, former Sgt. Maj. Wilfred Hawker, had been shot by a firing squad. His cohort, former Lt. Surin Ramboocus, escaped with part of his force.

The government radio said part of Ramboocus' band had been captured and his two armored vehicles recovered — one of them burnt out — about 60 miles west of the capital at Bostamp. The broadcast said the vehicles were unable to cross the Coppinara River because the government had removed the

crossing's ferryboats.

Ramboocus and a handful of meo slipped away, however, and apparently made it across the river in smaller boats. They were being hunted further west, and were believed in an area between Coronie and Wageningen, the government said.

The state-run radio said forces loyal to military strongman Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse were in control of key public buildings, and witnesses said traffic in Paramaribo had returned to normal. There was no official casualty count for the two-day uprising.

The rebels freed 15 hostages unharmed and abandoned efforts to hold the country's military barracks Friday afternoon, the state radio said. It also said 15 rebels had been captured and broadcast interviews with Bouterse throughout the day in which he claimed his units were in control of the country and appealed for calm.

Jose Napoleon Duarte said he had no comment to make on the statements by the soldier. Earlier this week, the Central Intelligence Agency released photos taken by spy planes which it said proved a major military buildup was under way in Nicaragua that threatened the stability of Central America. Nicaragua denied the charges.

On Friday, Democratic senators Paul Tsongas and Christopher Dodd said they would introduce legislation to prohibit the use of U.S. troops, covert operations or any U.S. aid in Central America without advance approval of Congress.

Administration officials have refused comment on a report by *The Washington Post* this week that it would use covert operations to destabilize Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, pro-government newspapers said Friday that U.S. and Argentine military advisers had arrived in neighboring Honduras and U.S. troops were preparing to carry out night exercises in Costa Rica.

Nicaragua has denied that it is funneling Soviet and Cuban aid to El Salvador where the church and human rights commission said that human rights violations have increased.

The fight for control of this former Dutch colony began Thursday with a pre-dawn raid by Ramboocus' forces on the main military barracks.

His forces seized the barracks, took hostages, reportedly non-commissioned officers who refused to join the revolt. They then secured the business district and the country's telecommunications center. By Thursday afternoon, the rebels had cleared the city's streets and declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew. They issued a call for elections and a return to civilian government.

Diplomatic sources said Ramboocus wanted to reverse the nation's leftward political drift under Bouterse, who seized power in a February 1980 coup and installed a figurehead president who was ousted five weeks ago.

It was not known how many of the country's estimated 500 to 1,000 soldiers joined the rebels or how many remained loyal.

## In today's 'referendum'

# French left faces major test

PARIS, March 13 (AP) — Riding to the attack behind election-eve lawsuits, charges of ideological witch-hunts and intense campaigning, the French left and right squared off for Sunday's nationwide provincial balloting, which both sides see as a referendum on the nine-month-old Socialist government.

The Conservatives are trying to recapture a measure of the power they held uninterrupted for 23 years before losing the presidency and the National Assembly to the left last spring.

The Socialists are hoping for a vote of confidence on their policies, including sweeping nationalizations, a wealth tax, a reduced work week and a regional decentralization program which gives Sunday's balloting real meaning for the first time. Those elected will have executive powers over local affairs, while in the past they did little more than carry out orders from Paris. More than 7,500 candidates are vying for the jobs of just over half of France's department administrators — 2,029 seats — in two rounds of voting on Sunday and March 21. About 19 million people are expected to cast ballots.

One of the political hopefuls is former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, attempting his first political comeback since being unseated May 10 by Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

Giscard d'Estaing is considered a winner for the local post from the wealthy suburban constituency of his hometown of Chamalières in central France, but his attempt to recapture the leadership of the right from his one-time ally, Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, is open to question.

Chirac, president of the neo-Gaullist Assembly for the Republic Party (RPR), became the main opposition voice following

the Socialist victory and shows no indication of quieting down.

Late Friday, he filed a lawsuit against Interior Minister Gaston Defferre charging him with "defamation during a political campaign." The suit followed a week of politically-charged accusations against Defferre, who counterattacked by alleging Chirac and three other RPR leaders had in the past "protected" a shady Paris gambler who was gunned down in the street Jan. 15.

Defferre, the mayor of Marseille, had been under intense opposition attack in recent days in connection with his refusal to promote a top-ranking police officer and the suicide of a national welfare administrator suspended from his job in Marseille. Both men had reputations for being anti-union, leading to opposition charges of a government "ideological witch-hunt."

Analysts will also be watching the provincial elections to see if they confirm the decline of the French Communist Party. Last spring, the Communists slipped from their habitual 20 percent of the vote to below 15 percent — their worst showing since 1936. Even so, they were brought into the Socialist government as junior partners.

The socialists are predicting an overall victory after the March 21 runoff of 52 percent — 32 percent for the Socialists and 15-17 percent for the Communists. That would be a slight decline from the 53.7 percent the left received when it captured the National Assembly last June. At that time, the Socialists received 37.51 percent and the Communists 16.17 percent.

The RPR and Giscard d'Estaing's smaller Union for French Democracy (UDF) party have agreed not to compete against each other in the first round.

## W. Germans not anti-U.S., Schmidt says

BONN, March 13 (Agencies) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said in an interview published Saturday that it is "sheer nonsense" to believe that West Germans are turning anti-American.

Schmidt said 80 percent of West Germans liked America but a few seek to repeat the slogan anti-Americanism so long that, in the end, it assumes validity and becomes a fact," he said.

In an hour-long interview with the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper, conducted Thursday and published Saturday, Schmidt countered at length the notion that West Germans are turning away from the United States and the Western alliance to neutralism.

He referred particularly to a Gallup Poll published last week in international editions of *Newsweek* magazine and in the *London Daily Telegraph* showing West Germans were in many cases more strongly pro-American and pro-NATO than their British, French, Italian or Belgian counterparts. "It makes very clear that the whole sermon about anti-Americanism is sheer nonsense," Schmidt commented.

Schmidt also played down the current strains at government level in the NATO alliance, saying these were not always the product of difference between European and American policy.

"I don't believe that the Americans have any problem in understanding Europe," Schmidt said, referring to particularly left-wing criticism in Europe in the past two years that Washington is insensitive to European policies and history.

Schmidt said some of the apparent strain between America and its allies occurs because "some domestic infighting" in the United States is being projected against the background of American-European relations and this plays a far greater role than most people can estimate or understand."

As printed in *Stars and Stripes*, the interview carried little of the differences of policy and opinion that have set Bonn Analysis and Washington at odds in the past two years. Schmidt denied repeatedly that West Germans are anti-American and also dismissed as "devoid of reality" the idea they were moving toward neutralism.

In the eyes of some American observers, the chancellor had helped to encourage the latter notion during Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's visit here last November by describing himself as an "interpreter" of the Western position to the East.

The international Gallup public opinion poll has revealed that West Germans think the most in Europe of the United States and are the most critical of the Soviet Union. Italians and French would be the least willing Atlantic alliance members polled to take up arms if the Soviets launched a military invasion against Europe.

The poll, conducted last month on 1,000 persons in France, 1,004 in Britain, 963 in West Germany, 600 in Italy and 2,748 in the United States, was published this week in the French news magazine *Le Point*. Seventy-three percent of the West Germans and 63 percent of the Italians said they "favored strongly" or "somewhat" the United States, while only 54 percent of the French and 45 percent of the British thought likewise.

A majority in each country mistrusted the Soviet Union — 76 percent in West Germany, 74 percent in Britain, 73 percent in France and 68 percent in Italy. But while 83 percent of Americans, 75 percent of British and 74 percent of West Germans agreed it "was better to fight than to accept Soviet domination," once 57 percent of the French and 48 percent of the Italians were of the same opinion.

## Indira 'orders party purge'

NEW DELHI, March 13 (AP) — The independent *Hindustan Times* newspaper said Saturday in a front-page report that a government study has revealed that 10 percent of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's party legislators and district leaders "have a history of anti-social activities."

A spokesman of the prime minister refused to comment on the report. The *Times*, published in New Delhi, is the largest circulation newspaper in northern India.

Alarmed by the findings, Mrs. Gandhi has asked her politically-powerful son, Rajiv Gandhi, to carry out a purge in the ruling Congress Party, the report said.

"As part of the operation shakeup, directives have already been sent to all the Congress-ruled states asking chief ministers to ensure that politicians do not interfere in the day-to-day administration," the newspaper added.

"The enquiry was ordered after the prime minister and Rajiv Gandhi read reports that the Maharashtra (state) Chief Minister Babasaheb Bhosale was involved in a case of moral turpitude," it said.

## Britain quells school rioting

BIDEFORD, England, March 3 (AP) — Police were called in to quell a rampage by teen-age pupils at a school in this southwest England town Friday after they were confined to one part of the school while teachers staged a go-slow job action over a pay dispute.

Witnesses reported up to 300 children stormed through the complex, smashing windows and hurling eggs at teachers. Headmaster John Dare claimed only 50 pupils were involved in the 35-minute riot. No injuries were reported. A police spokesman said "considerable damage was done to the school buildings."

The trouble flared when teachers refused to supervise the lunch break in support of their demand that their pay dispute be referred to arbitration. They are seeking a weekly 17.50-pound (\$31.90) pay hike. The education department has offered them a five-pound (\$6.10) raise.

In the nearby town of Portsmouth, education officials said 200 jeering pupils demonstrated outside city hall protesting at being locked out of their school during the lunch break because of similar action by teachers.

Last month a school in Liverpool was temporarily closed after pupils aged 9 and 10 rioted, setting fire to schoolbooks, smashed doors and windows and attacked teachers. Education authorities said the trouble stemmed from last summer's fierce rioting in the city's rundown Toxteth district of Liverpool.

## U.S., Japan gain most in oil price fall

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — Rapidly falling oil prices are having widespread beneficial effects on the world economy, *Business Week* says.

"Forces are already in motion that could bolster economic growth and reduce inflation throughout the industrial world," the weekly U.S. periodical adds in the cover story of its March 22 edition.

"At least initially, the U.S. and Japan are expected to be the biggest winners among industrialized countries. Because U.S. industry is more energy-intensive, the cut in prices will have a marked impact on operating costs...since Japan depends more heavily than any other major industrial country on imported oil, the price decline is regarded as a 'counter oil shock,' which should strengthen further its already successful high technology industries."

"Most Europeans are taking a much more cautious view of how much they will gain. The Europeans believe that the recent decline in prices is mainly a recession-induced phenomenon."

"Any oil-induced recovery in the industrial countries, however, will bolster world trade and that will be healthy for the developed nations which have been severely hurt by a combination of slumping demand, rising oil prices, and high interest rates."

Meanwhile, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, beset by cut-throat competition would find it difficult to find a way to agree on how to cut production and stabilize prices."

"Some U.S. company officials believe that unless the cartel acts quickly, oil prices could even plunge to \$15 a barrel from their current level around \$30, *Business Week* says.

Meanwhile, western oil companies think it an open question whether OPEC, meeting in Vienna next week, can defend oil prices in the prevailing glut.

Industry executives said its unity would be severely tested as it tries to ration output cuts among the 13 members, with weaker, cash-pinch exporters tempted to break ranks and unilateral prices to boost flagging sales.

But they added it would be wrong to underestimate the ability of OPEC to hold its reference price of \$34 a barrel until oil demand begins to pick up, probably in the autumn.

In informal talks in Qatar last weekend, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani and key colleagues struck the basis of a deal. They considered that, in Vienna, the exporters would be able to share out the recession-hit market fairly within a reduced ceiling for total OPEC output set at 18.5 million barrels a day. Industry analysts said that looked like a reasonable match between supply and sharply depressed demand, although OPEC might have to cut further for a brief period in the summer.

Non-OPEC producers such as Britain and Mexico have already cut prices to maintain their sales in the surplus-ridden market. Within OPEC only Iran, down \$4, has cut so far but several others are secretly discounting, industry sources say.

Market analysts say Nigeria is the OPEC weak link. With a large population it badly needs development revenue, but its sales are hovering around a critical level of 1.5 million barrels daily and buyers want it to match new British prices for similar-quality North Sea oil — \$31 against Nigeria's \$36.50 a barrel.

## Van Agt leaves for Malaysia tour

THE HAGUE, March 13 (AFP) — Dutch Prime Minister Andreas van Agt left Saturday on a trip to Malaysia and Thailand which will also allow for a cooling-off period in the economic-political crisis within the ruling coalition. He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek and Economic Affairs Minister Willem Dik.

Van Agt will be in Malaysia until Wednesday and he will then go on to Thailand. In both countries he will be trying to promote Dutch civil engineering and harbor installation industries.

Van Agt said Friday night that without the period of reflection that his absence would impose, the country's ruling center-left coalition risked collapse over budget problems currently dividing the Christian-Democrat and Socialist partnership.

Reagan to visit Berlin

BONN, March 13 (AFP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan will visit West Berlin on June 11, the day before attending the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) summit in Bonn, diplomatic sources quoted by the daily *Die Welt* said Saturday.

He would be accompanied by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, they added. Reagan would also probably address the West German Bundestag (lower house of parliament) on June 9, in line with the wishes of its members, the sources said.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

In the period extending from the middle of the last century to the present, Jewish communities in the West have been noted for their significant contribution to such movements as liberalism, Marxism and communism. In more recent times, they have generally been linked to such movements as that of civil rights for minorities.

The reason for this is obvious: the Jews always felt like a threatened minority, so that they were always on the side of those movements which sought equality for all. But now there are indications that this is changing.

In the United States, a study by the Hoover institute gives a breakdown on the incomes of families in the various ethnic groups which constitute the country. The base figure it uses is 100. And its findings are that the figure for the average Jewish family is 170, which is the highest.

It is followed by the figure for the average Japanese family, which is 132, the Polish at 115, the Chinese at 112, the Italian at 112, the German at 107, the "White Protestant" at 105 and Irish at 102.

The under-100s are as follows: The Philippines, 99, the West Indians, 94, the Mexicans, 76, the blacks, 62 and the Red Indians who bring the rear at 60.

This success story for America's Jewish community is said to underline the noticeable shift toward conservatism among its members. The alliance with the blacks and the other minorities is now a thing of the past. And no wonder, for who would want to raise the banner of equality once they have made it to the top?

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awam

## Warsaw Pact stages army maneuvers

WARSAW, March 13 (R) — Warsaw Pact troops Saturday staged the first military exercise in Poland since the Polish authorities clamped the country under martial law exactly three months ago. The official PAP news agency said Soviet, Polish and East German units took part in the exercises, code named "Friendship 82."

It said the exercises, held in northwest Poland, were directed by Polish Deputy Defense Minister Gen. Eugeniusz Mokrzycki who is also deputy Warsaw Pact commander.

Poland's military ruler, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, told the Poles this week that only those who acknowledged Communist supremacy and Poland's Soviet bloc alliances could take part in any future national accord.

He was speaking to a meeting in Warsaw of civic committees of rebirth, newly emerging pro-government groups which sources close to the suspended Solidarity trade union had called a propaganda smokescreen.

"There is but one national raison d'etat. Only those who stand on the groundwork of the constitution, recognize our alliances and favor the leading role of the (Communist) party in society are with us," he told the meeting.

On Friday East-West polemics over the Polish crisis prompted delegates at the 13-nation European security conference in Madrid to adjourn for an eight-month cooling-off period. The United States and its NATO allies have refused to negotiate on any detente proposals at the talks as long as the military crackdown in Poland continues.

On the economic front, a spokesman in West Germany's largest bank warned Friday that Western banks are unlikely to give Poland the fresh credit it badly needs unless it comes to some agreement with the International Monetary Fund. Poland owes about \$16 billion to Western banks and the spokesman for the Deutsche bank said Poland needed new loans to solve its economic crisis.

Meanwhile, the United States in order to exploit the Polish crisis and seek restrictions on Moscow's future credits, is sending a diplomatic delegation to Europe Saturday sound out Western allies on the possibility of imposing new economic sanctions against the Soviet Union.

Headed by the undersecretary of state for security matters, James Buckley, the delegation will spend a week visiting Bonn, London, Paris, Rome and Brussels.

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in the past, Ulusu stated.

He said Greece and other concerned powers had been notified in advance and in accordance with international rules about these exercises. But Greece has also been demanding the flight plans of the Turkish military aircraft and Turkey was under obligation to do so since international regulations did not require such notification, Ulusu told reporters.

On Cyprus, Ulusu said with his recent "unfortunate statements" Papandreu had been undermining intercommunal talks which seek a settlement in the divided island. "We fear that through his words and Papandreu may cause further regress for Greece in the future," he said.

# GLOBAL WEATHER

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Amsterdam	3	37	8	46	cloudy	Madrid	3	37	21	70	clear
Athens	8	46	16	61	clear	Manila	23	73	33	91	clear
Bahrain	14	57	21	70	rain	Mexico City	13	55	26	78	cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	34	93	clear	Miami	24	75	26	79	cloudy
Beirut	6	43	15	59	cloudy	Montreal	2	36	4	39	cloudy
Berlin	0	32	5	41	rain	Moscow	-6	21	-2	28	cloudy
Brussels	1	34	5	41	cloudy	New Delhi	11	52	24	75	clear
Buenos Aires	20	68	27	82	clear	New York	9	48	13	59	rain
Cairo	9	48	19	66	cloudy	Nicosia	5	41	16	61	rain
Cancun	19	66	25	77	cloudy	Oslo	0	32	5	41	cloudy
Chicago	2	36	11	52	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	21	70	30	86	cloudy
Copenhagen	2	36	6	43	rain	Rome	2	36	16	61	cloudy
Dublin	2	29	7	45	rain	San Francisco	10	50	16	61	cloudy
Frankfurt	0	32	8	46	cloudy	Seoul	6	43	17	63	clear
Geneva	-2	28	9	48	cloudy	Singapore	24	75	33	91	clear
Helsinki	-1	25	8	48	cloudy	Stockholm	-1	30	2	36	cloudy
Hong Kong	20	68	21	70	cloudy	Taipei	14	57	19	66	clear
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	cloudy	Tokyo	8	41	17	63	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Toronto	2	36	5	41	cloudy
London	-2	28	9	48	cloudy	Vancouver	0	32	3	37	cloudy
Lima	1	34	11	52	cloudy	Vienna	3	37	5	46	clear

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